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Readers Say—

Christianity and Democracy

To the Editor:

The article in the January 15 issue by C. Gregg Singer on "Christianity and Democracy" is both clarifying and confusing. It is clarifying in that it gives both the historical perspective and frame of reference of much subtle anti-Christian teaching, of which the great majority is only vaguely aware. It is confusing because the writer appears to assume that democracy by its very nature has a philosophy of life which is anti-Biblical and therefore anti-Christian. He asserts that Christianity and democracy "differ in their basic postulates." Webster's New Collegiate dictionary defines democracy as, "Goverment by the people; government in which the supreme power is retained by the people, and exercised either directly or indirectly through a system of representation. 2.—A community or state so governed." Such a system of government in and of itself has no postulates, no philosophy of life. When the people, who dominate education and get control of government, operate on an anti-biblical view of man, of evil, and of human destiny, then and then only does democracy become an instrument of an anti-Christian philosophy of life.

Democracy as a system of government in and of itself is neutral. This, perhaps unconsciously, is recognized by the author, in a trenchant paragraph on education, when he says, "Whereas in the colonial and early national periods of our history nearly all educational material was either biblical in content or its frame of reference, the very reverse is true today and the biblical conception of God, man, sin, society and the natural world is either treated with a contemptuous ridicule or ignored as if it were of no importance and had nothing to say to contemporary society."

The democratic form of government seemed to be the same in both periods. But perhaps our author had an entirely different definition of "democracy" in mind when he wrote his article.

WALTER MCCARROLL

Santa Ana, Calif.

To the Editor:

The article, "Christianity and Democracy," (*Action*, January 15) is instructive and very interesting.

However it leaves me with a decided misgiving. I do not take issue with what Mr. Singer has said but rather with what he has not said.

There is a Christian philosophy of democracy. Such a philosophy has an influence far beyond that which might be expected from the number of persons who have ever been its exponents.

It is indeed important that we be aware that the philosophy of democracy of deism is not consistent with the Christian faith. That such a philosophy is largely influential is sadly true.

May I suggest the need for a statement of a Christian philosophy of democracy and an outline of the constructive influence which it has had in history. Indicative of what I mean is the name, William Penn, champion of democracy.

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Protest By Dr. Young

To the Editor:

The review of my book by Dr. Gordon H. Clark in *United Evangelical Action* (January 15, p. 12) calls for some further comment.

It appears that Dr. Clark has devoted his energies to the task of heresy hunting rather than to a review of my work. In the light of what he has said I feel the need of making some fuller explanation of certain points as well as voicing a protest.

Most of the review is given over to my supposed understanding of revelation. Dr. Clark says that I apparently do not believe that the Bible is the Word of God. Nothing could be further from the truth and I do believe that I made this fact clear. The Bible is certainly God's Word whether I, Dr. Clark, or anyone else accepts it as such. I did try to emphasize, however, that the Bible is revelation for a particular individual only as he experiences it by the special work of the Holy Spirit. As the Bible puts it, the natural man knows not the things of the Spirit, etc. The context shows quite clearly what I meant.

Why Dr. Clark objects to such a statement (he does not quote it fully) as "God has made himself known in the written Word," is beyond my comprehension. If God has not revealed Himself in the Bible in a unique way, then where has He revealed Himself? Dr. Clark proceeds to find heresy on pages 201 and 203, but skips over page 202 where I speak of the authority of the Word which God has given us (see also 58).

Dr. Clark objects also to my use of the phrase "record of revelation." He does not even pause to suggest that the phrase might be misleading to some but jumps at once to the heretical conclusion. Actually when I used the term "record" I wanted to emphasize that in the Hebrew-Christian Scriptures and in no other book or place does one find God's special disclosure. In trying to make the Bible as unique as possible, I apparently did not use the exact wording preferred by Dr. Clark.

Before my work was published it was read by several well-known evangelical scholars (some of them are listed in the Preface). Although they found much to criticize and made many valuable suggestions for the improvement of the book, not one of them found a doctrinal heresy. No other reviewer to date has made such a suggestion. Since Dr. Clark's review has appeared others were kind enough to examine my book in the light of his criticism. I have been informed by them that no grounds for his accusation are evident.

Finally, why must evangelicals feel dedicated to believing the worst about one another? Must we engage in hair-splitting in order to cast dark suspicion on each other if at all possible? Is this the great task to which God has called us? A review which points out errors, weaknesses, and inade-

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The Captive Church in "Red" China

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PROPAGANDA is continually reaching America to the effect that the Christian Church in China is operating without hindrance under the Red regime of Mao Tse Tung.

As a retired Lutheran missionary of many years service in China I have sought the facts about the evangelical churches in China and am glad to share some of my findings with the readers of *United Evangelical Action.*

From the *New Church,* published at Hankow, we learn that the government-approved Protestant churches have collaborated with the Reds and joined what is known as the "Chinese Christian Three-Self Patriotic Movement." The story of the organization set up at Peking July 22-August 6, 1954 is told by its friends in the following language:

Under the Lord's guidance we have gathered together from all the churches of China to our Capital, Peking, from July 22 to August 6, where we have held a China Christian all-national conference. Now as this conference is drawing to a close, we wish to send greetings to all those in China who call upon the name of the Lord, and to share with you the results of the conference.

First, we wish to thank God that this conference has displayed the closest unity ever known among our Chinese Christians. Almost every church had its delegates here. The whole conference was full of the spirit of democratic consideration. On some questions on which it had previously seemed impossible to secure agreement, loving frankness and patient discussion brought about substantial unity and this fact has deeply moved and enlightened the delegates. All of us had the determination to hold the conference in a spirit of mutual faith and respect, and thus bring the churches of China into closer unity.

The Three-self Patriotic Movement of the Christian churches of China has accomplished much during the past four years. Under its leadership the Chinese Christian churches have fundamentally cast off imperialistic control, they have begun the process of wiping out imperialistic influence, the consciousness of all Christians in opposing imperialism and in loving their country has been heightened, so that they have taken part in various patriotic movements and in the movement for world peace. The church in New China has a new spirit. These accomplishments are inseparable from the glorious development of the New China, the support of the people, the encouragement of the government and the energetic work of Christians. For all of this we should praise our Father in heaven, for He is the source of every grace.

In order to widen and deepen the work of the Three-self Patriotic Movement, we are agreed that on the basis of opposing imperialism and loving our country, we must take further steps in cementing the unity of churches and Christians.

In order to achieve unity, we must be humble and not think of ourselves more highly than we ought to think; we must lovingly and patiently help each other, and get rid of divisive sectarian prejudices.

We know that the Three-self Reform Movement is the concrete expression of Christian opposition to imperialism and Christian love for country, it has no purpose to change our creeds or our church organization. The word Reform unfortunately suggests to some people the 16th Century Reformation which did concern creeds. This has made some fellow Christians unwilling to take part in this movement. In order to strengthen our unity, dispel unnecessary fears, show more clearly the real nature of the movement to oppose imperialism and love our country, we think it is not necessary to hold on to the original name, and so we have agreed to call it the China Christian Three-self Patriotic Movement. We have set up a widely representative national organization, the Committee of the China Christian Three-self Patriotic Movement.

The purpose of the Three-self Patriotic Movement is to unite the Christian Church in China in the three-self campaign, in positive participation in opposing imperialism and in furthering patriotic movements and world peace. We know that the purpose of "self-government" is not to unify or modify the organization of the various churches, but to get the churches to cut off all relations with imperialism, so that the churches will be ruled by Chinese Christians; the purpose of "self-support" is not to interfere in the finances of any church, but to cut off all connections with imperialistic funds, so that the complete responsibility for the church will be on Chinese shoulders; the purpose of "self-propagation" is not to unify or modify our creeds, but to wipe out the influence of imperialistic thought, and bring the preaching of the church into harmony with the true gospel of Jesus Christ. We should respect the differences that exist among the churches in creed, organization and ritual.

In the name of this national conference we call upon all the Christians of China to uphold the constitution, to work with the rest of the people for the establishment of a socialistic society, to take part in the world peace movement, to continue patriotic studies, to purify the church in the spirit of loving both country and church, and to make the church the temple of the Lord.

Brethren, let us in the presence of the Lord count His many blessings to us, and with thankful hearts receive from Him the good things of this new time. In our glorious Mother-land, under the leadership of the Committee of the China Christian Three-self Patriotic Movement, let us increase the spirit of unity and work to oppose imperialism, to love our country and achieve our Three-self purposes. May the Lord be with us forever.

The list of officials announced by the new organization would indicate that it embraces most of the native leadership of the chief Protestant churches—Methodist, Episcopal, Disciples of Christ, Church of Christ in China, Congregational Christian, etc. —the YMCA, and kindred interdenominational bodies.

A constitution was adopted by the Committee of 139 which controls the organization. This document together with the "Letter to the Churches" promises, among other things to

1. Oppose foreign imperialism and give complete support to the Red regime.

2. Obey the draft constitution of the People's Republic of China and work energetically for the socialization of society.

3. Not "extravagantly" practice Christianity to the detriment of the people.

4. Oppose "American imperialism's aggression in Formosa" and fight, if need be, for the "protection of World Peace."

5. Continue the "Love of Country Studies," wipe out imperialistic corruption in the churches by "brain washing" and other means.

Now a propaganda has been set up by this Red church which is designed to quiet the fears of the churches in the Western world, create goodwill toward the Mao Tse Tung regime and destroy confidence in the USA.

One such propaganda letter which went to Lutheran Christians in Norway* reads:

To Our Fellow-Christians in Norway
Care of Pastor Ragnar Forbech

Dear Brethren in Christ,

In the words of the Apostle Peter we send our hearty greetings to you through our beloved Pastor Forbech "that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Grace and Peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, according as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue." (2 Peter 1:1-3).

We thank our God in being able to tell you that He has not only preserved the Churches in China, but has also blessed them with unprecedented blessings. There is true freedom of religion in New China. This freedom is not only Constitutionally guaranteed, but also daily experienced by adherents of all religions. Our churches are open and attendance at services is good. Some Christians in the West have been led to believe that the withdrawal of western missionaries has meant the collapse of our churches. This is not the case. The Churches are thriving and flourishing. Christian people in China in ever greater numbers have ceased to regard the churches as belonging to the missionaries. They realize that the Churches are their own. This new sense of Christian loyalty and devotion on the part of church members at large is a decisive factor in the realization of financial self-support in our Churches.

The Churches in New China are in no sense new churches. All of them are maintaining their own worship, organization and personnel without interruption. We have not been asked to alter one iota of the historic Christian faith which is as precious to us as to Christians everywhere. Our preachers experience no inhibition whatever in their proclamation of the old, yet ever new Gospel. Indeed, new churches are being built at this very moment. For the training of future pastors and evangelists for city and rural areas there are four larger theological colleges and a number of Bible Schools.

The coming into being of New China has meant to the overwhelming majority of our people the beginning of a new joyful life. The improvement of our peoples' material standard of living is remarkable. But there is also the very significant elevation of their moral and cultural standard. It is with very deep joy and gratitude that Christians live in New China and do our share in the tremendous task of building up a country which truly belongs to the people. The atmosphere within which the churches exist is altogether helpful to the fulfillment of our special calling of worship, evangelism and work of love.

The transformation of the old China into a land of happiness, prosperity and beauty being the one great central interest of the people in general no less than that of our leaders, war is certainly the last thing anyone in this country wants. This explains the close attention our people are paying to the proceedings of the Geneva Conference which represents the triumph of the world's people in their will that negotiations, not war, be resorted to as the means for settling all international issues. As Christians, we cannot stand aloof from the task of peace, just as we cannot refrain from looking up to our Saviour Christ, who came into the world as the Prince of Peace. Dare we think we can approach God and seek His forgiveness for our irresponsibility for peace when a war should occur, if we fail to do anything to prevent it while there is still time? Can we complacently enjoy our peace with God while neglecting peace among men?

We are one with you in Christ. May God bless you in all that you do to His Glory, particularly in all your prayer and work for world peace.

In closing let us thank God our Father for sending to us Pastor Forbech who has brought you so near to our heart. We now commend to you 'the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, who shall make known to you all things, that ye may know our state, and that he may comfort your hearts. Peace be to the brethren and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." (Eph. 6:21-23).

Yours in His service,

The present Red movement in the Protestant churches in China had its origin in 1950. Seven church leaders together with Premier Chou En Lai worked for three days and one night May 2-4 to draw up a manifesto. After several revisions it was promulgated on September 23, 1950, over the signatures of forty Protestant church leaders.

The Manifesto has been constantly circulated in the Church, soliciting signatures. By May, 1954, 414,189 church members had signed, and the indifference of the Church to the Document has been a source of worry for the organization that sponsored it. In his report to the National Conference, Mr. Wu Yao-tsung gives either an erroneous or else a defeatist impression when he says "During these four years, 417,389 persons, about two-thirds of the whole Christian body have signed this Manifesto. As we understand figures, approximately sixty percent of the Protestant Church is still outside Mr. Wu's organization, inasmuch as they have not signed. And we do know of numbers who earlier signed the Manifesto, but who now desire and seek to dis-associate themselves from it.

To the writer, the obvious purpose of the Peking National Conference in 1954 was that of forcing the other sixty per cent of the Protestants into the Communist-organized and controlled Church, in order that the Church-for-the-time-being might be used in the service of the State. As we scan reports of the Peking Conference in the September and November issues of *Hsieh Chin* and the November issue of *The New Church,* we are impressed with the jubilant attitude at the prospect that all churches are now to be brought under one control. In the Nov. 1, 1954 issue of *The New Church,* we find that 22 of the 32 pages deal with the Peking Conference. Seven of these pages are comments by eighteen persons who were either delegates to Peking or who were interested in the Conference. Rev. Hsiao Kuokuei, president of the Hupeh Methodist Church probably summarized the thought of all of these in an Editorial he has written. We quote from Mr. Hsiao:

> This Conference revealed the broadest effort of the Chinese Christian Church to unite. By the attitude of the Three-self Patriotic Movement, the thing considered most important and most necessary was, namely, their desire to unite the Church of China—every denomination and every body of Christians, so that they could completely reveal that they were a self-established, self-supported, and a self- propagating Church; and that they were positively opposed to Imperialism, and that they would protect World Peace.

We Christians of the Free World have no conception of what our brothers and sisters in the Faith are experiencing in China as they seek to be faithful to their Lord and the Christian Doctrine. We know little of what they have experienced or will be experiencing in the future. We know almost nothing of the persecutions which have taken place in the Protestant churches during the past four years. We do know something about the missionaries. Out of approximately 4,200 Protestant missionaries who were in China in 1948, there were probably less than ten left in the beginning of 1955, and several of those were in prison. In 1948, the Catholic church had 5,496 missionaries in China. At the beginning of last October, there were 96 left,

* Certified to be a true copy of the translation.—E. Wold, Norway.

with three bishops and 20 priests of that number in prison. The Catholic Missions of China reveal that in August, 1954, over "300 Chinese Catholic priests were in prison, because they refused to renounce their Religion." In Peking alone "31 Chinese priests were languishing in Peking city jails, twenty priests and one bishop were imprisoned this year (1954). The Catholic Missions further reveal that 166 priests, brothers, and nuns have been put to death by the Communists in China—39 of them were foreigners.

Though we have no overall Protestant statistics, we do know that the faithful are suffering. We know of one pastor—a refugee from his own parish—who recently made the statement that no one could be a Christian in China today and live unless he was a Christian secretly and silently. We know of Church leaders who have been tortured and imprisoned with the idea of "breaking them" and securing their surrender to an organization controlled by the State. One such leader recently came out of a prison, but not as "red convert," but as a stalwart soldier of Jesus Christ.

Communism will boast that it does not persecute the Christian Church in China, and that there is freedom for all religions. But they have trained men of the Church to be their catspaw; to do their work. No doubt thousands of Protestant Christian leaders are also languishing in prison or have been done away with. And their removal or liquidation was not done by the Government, but through government-used New Church officials. I think of a highly placed official on the Standing Committee of The Chinese Three-self Patriotic Movement. He gained public attention in the Fall of 1951, when he was one of the instruments bringing charges against an evangelical pastor in Honan Province. The charges minutely described in the trial were, that the accused preached the Word when he should have been engaged in "Studies" and meetings under the direction of the Government. He was given a public trial by the Church, sentenced and imprisoned in December of 1951. The following fall, the official who played a large part in that prosecution, was made a Bishop. From September 20-25, 1954 this same man was the Chinese Church's representative to the Convention of Churches from Democratic Nations at Weimar, Germany.

The *Kung Sheung Daily News* of Hongkong (pro-Nationalist) on Nov. 8, 1954, quotes an item of news from the Mainland which, if true, is ominous for the future of the Evangelical Church in China. We quote:

The Communist Government in order to increase its control of the Protestant and Catholic Church, particularly in the Hankow area, set up in September at Tung Tai Li of the Old French Concession in Hankow, "Study Lectures" for both the Protestants and Catholics, requiring pastors and priests to attend from all cities of the Province for a five month course of "brainwashing and preaching" (Hsi Nao Chiang Hsi). After the completion of this Course, each person will be given a "certificate of permission to preach" (Ch'uan Chiao Hsü K'e Cheng). The Government has decided that preachers must have this permit. If not, they will be severely punished. If one fails to obtain this permit, he will not be permitted to preach.

CHRISTIANS IN NEED

But their friends in America are not permitted to help them.

In a recent issue of Rev. Wang Ming Tao's *Spiritual Food Quarterly* (Peking), circulated by the underground evangelical church, is this poignant passage:

In this Church of the Last Days, there is rising up a great number of people who are following the "selling of the Lord with a kiss" method. Today, however, they can only sell those who faithfully follow the Lord. They can only attack those who follow Christ in this present world. These who "sell the Lord with a kiss" are like Judas; they bring with them unbelievers to attack the followers of Christ. What distresses us most is that those unbelievers who attack the Christians are at times not as bad as those within the Church who "sell the Lord with a kiss." With their fierce cruelty and poisons, they unconcernedly use the most hatefully cruel language and methods to falsely implicate the followers of the Lord. At times it is the unbelievers who rise up to oppose these false Christians, seeking to deter them in their barbaric practices. Consequently their power is somewhat checked.

Actually these apostate Christians are assisting the unbelievers in their persecution of the Church and destroying the faith of the Christians, so that the Christians lose their loyalty to Christ and they join the forces of the world.

But, the words of their mouth speak of helping the Christians become more fervent—to love the Lord more. Many actual cases indicate to us that those who have received such help—though they may not completely surrender their faith in the Lord—they do become weak and powerless Christians. Many Christians of the spiritually minded or evangelical groups witness to those who do not believe and their faith is not in the least disturbed. But when they come in contact with the Christians who "sell the Lord with a kiss" and are supposedly helped by them, their faith readily becomes unstable. These who "sell the Lord with a kiss"—with their paradoxical statements—succeed in bewildering the Christians, shaking their faith and confusing their conscience. They will preach from the Bible, but they are not "rightly dividing the Word of Truth." They distort the Scriptures, making confusion of God's righteous Word,—seeking to receive the favor of the unbelievers. They zealously combine the doctrine of the Bible with the theoretical teachings of the world, and seek to make them one. They forcefully put together ideas which have no possibility of being reconciled—presenting these distorted ideas as reality. This method not only is contrary to God's will and harms the feelings of the believers, but the unbelievers—seeing this—ridicule and mock them saying they have no understanding nor feeling of shame. While they imagine themselves to have accomplished something—others look upon them as not being worth a single cash.

This requires that we raise our voices and warn these Christians. We need not be polite, nor the least bit courteous in dealing with them. We must separate ourselves from them and not have fellowship with them. We must avoid them as one avoids a snake or a scorpion. If not, we will unwittingly be harmed by them. Our faith may be strong and able to resist harm from them, but we cannot be participants in their sins. For if we unite with those who "sell their Lord with a kiss," we indicate that we are not loyal and honest to our Lord. How then shall we escape the punishment of God?

Possibly some "Protestant" churches in China are operating without hindrances, but it becomes increasingly clear that the evangelicals in China are facing persecution as did the Christians of the apostolic church in a pagan world. They constantly need your prayers.

Social Justice And Evangelical Christianity

ERIC EDWIN PAULSON

WHEN the Lord Jesus Christ invited men to follow Him He did not assure them of lives free from struggles, cares and anxiety. He told them that they would meet with opposition, misunderstanding, tribulation and even death. Yet they forsook all that they possessed and followed Him for they knew that the Lord was one who confronted them with a way of life which was entirely realistic because it rested entirely upon a factual basis. This truth has been foremost in the minds of Evangelical Christians both in the development and defense of their creedal position. During the last half century men who have insisted on the absolute authority of the Scriptures have suffered much for their beliefs. Such men risked their reputations as scholars by maintaining that Christianity must rest on a factual basis or cease to be Christianity. Men who refused to place the authority of the Word of God beneath that of ecclesiastical authority have paid dearly for their fidelity to their Christian convictions. They have lost their closest friends. They have been cast out of churches and denominations and some have even given their lives in this struggle. This has not been a useless expenditure of life and vitality, for the battle has at least been partly won. Few individuals holding the watered-down humanistic views current twenty-five years ago can command a respectable hearing today.

In recent years the attention of many Evangelicals seems to have been withdrawn from theological issues. This itself is an unfortunate turn of events for the Church of Christ must ever remain alert against those forces which would destroy our historic faith and thereby render its testimony ineffective. The rise and rapid spread of world Communism has done much to focus the attention of the Church on other than doctrinal issues.

However a real danger to Evangelical Christianity today is not that it will be overpowered by some foreign ideology, but rather that it will fail to keep itself "unspotted from the world." In facing a more remote danger we may be overcome by an enemy near at hand. Before the menace of world Communism, Evangelicals will be tempted to line up with the forces of reaction, both ecclesiastical and political. The threat of atheistic Communism is doubtless a real one and not to be minimized, but in our efforts to cope with it let us be sure that we stand on grounds both factual and Scriptural. Today it is most fashionable to denounce Communism. The political demagogue knows that it is one of the surest ways to gain votes. In the last two general elections many capable candidates were defeated simply because they failed to denounce Communism with the degree of vehemence employed by their opponents. The man behind the pulpit also senses that an occasional broadside leveled in the direction of Moscow enhances his standing in the eyes of the respectable people in his community. It is doubtful that those in charge of the Kremlin are greatly disturbed by such rantings, and if the matter would end there, little damage would be done. But the victims of such misdirected fury are not usually the Communists or their fellow-travelers, but often innocent and enlightened men and women daring to advance political and economic views barely to the left of reactionism. When Evangelicals side with reaction they are wrong no matter whom or what they oppose. They are taking a stand for which there is no foundation either in Scripture or in secular history.

Does modern Capitalism merit the unqualified endorsement of Evangelicals? Anyone listening to addresses at meetings of Fundamentalists might conclude that the affirmative answer is the only possible one. Some articles in Evangelical publications might lead one to infer that Evangelical Christianity and the socalled "American Way of Life" must stand or fall together. This is a most unfortunate and naive conclusion. It is one that is certain to alienate thousands of intelligent people from Evangelical Christianity. The Church of Christ which has not only survived but even prospered under persecutions from Nero to Hitler will not be destroyed by Communism. Compromise and conformity to the world are the real dangers that beset the Church.

We believe in the private ownership of property for two good reasons: first, because such a belief is Scriptural and secondly, because the ownership of property is desirable in the development of a full-orbed personality. The law of Moses provided for private ownership of property. It is significant to note that in this same law provisions were made for the year of Jubilee (see Lev. 25). This indicates that the Divine mind knew that not even a Theocracy could be preserved unless there was some safeguard made against the concentration of property in the hands of a few. Since the Spirit of God recognized this as an evil, ought not those of us who profess to believe the Bible be as concerned about the phenomenal growth of monopolies as we are about the spread of Communism? For it is evident that Communism usually raises its ugly head wherever there exists a great disparity in the distribution of wealth among social classes. We should recognize the fact that, if it is undersirable for an individual to be deprived of his farm by the State, it is fully as undesirable for him to lose it on some specious technicality to a multi-billion dollar insurance corporation. If we are determined to retard the spread of Communism and to preserve our own way of life cannot we do so most effectively by seeking to eliminate obvious abuses and inequalities in our own economic order?

But the anticipated answer to the above argument will be: "In attacking the American system of free enterprise you are finding fault with the economy that has done more to raise the standard of living for more people than any other system." While the weaknesses of any system should not be allowed to blind us to its virtues, the opposite is equally true. One need only consult census reports to verify the statement that altogether too large a percentage of our population is inadequately provided for in these days of wide-spread prosperity. It is still true that millions of our fellow citizens are inadequately fed, clothed and housed and that thousands of children and young people are receiving schooling far below the standards required for success in our highly

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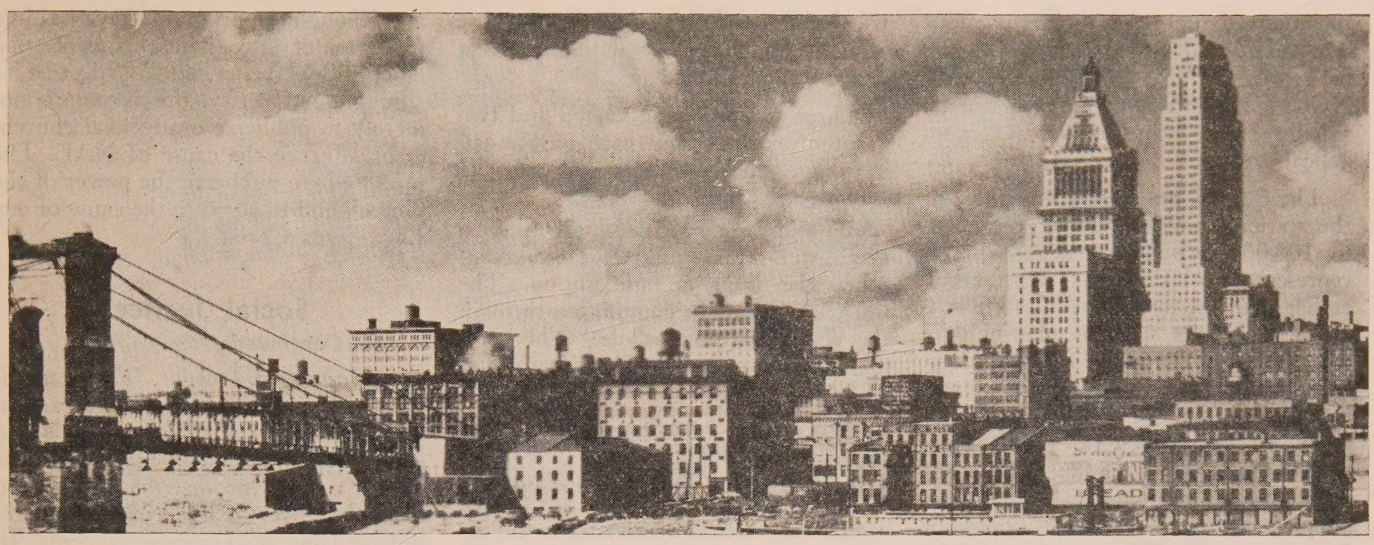

Cincinnati Evangelicals Broadcast the Gospel

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THE Greater Cincinnati Association of Evangelicals, as well as other local affiliates of the National Association of Evangelicals now broadcast on free ("sustaining") radio time every Sunday morning. It may be possible for your association of evangelicals to do the same.

For reasons of good public relations and government regulations, almost all radio stations give free time to religious groups. Protestant time is almost always given to the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA and its local councils, and they in turn parcel out the time to ministers. In most cases, the minister follows a council-prepared format with considerable freedom in preaching and choice of devotional material.

Since the stations give bulk time to "Protestants," they feel obligated in no way to give additional time to "evangelicals." Local stations may donate weekly time if they feel four conditions prevail:

(1) Managements must be convinced that the NAE and local associations are entirely distinct from the NCCCUSA. Their first thought is that they are not interested in "petty theological differences" between Protestants.

(2) The stations want to know how widely the local association represents Protestants in the area. If they have been told it speaks for a mere handful of people, they will ignore it.

(3) If the management is convinced there is a genuine and important theological difference between evangelical groups and the local council of churches, the program director may visualize the contribution to balanced programming which evangelicals can make. This depends on the station and the area. If key personnel are Roman Catholic or extreme liberals, they may want nothing to do with Biblical and Gospel messages. Then again, if there are many fundamentalist churches in the area, the stations may anticipate picking up a larger audience at certain times. A complicating factor is the number of private evangelical broadcasts being aired. If a local station sells religious time, it is usually to fundamental churches, and the management may feel the evangelical message is well taken care of.

(4) Program directors want to know how responsible you are. Stations must answer to the Federal Communications Commissions for a breach of the ethical code, especially a denouncement of another religion. Do you have the resources and the men capable of sending out a good, weekly broadcast in the best taste?

Accordingly, the Greater Cincinnati Association of Evangelicals sent out a questionnaire to all the ministers on its mailing list asking the following questions: Have you appeared on the radio under any sponsoring group? Which group? Have you sponsored your own radio program? Would you like to have an opportunity to appear on a local radio program? Would you be willing to cooperate with your brethren in securing radio time in the name of the local evangelical group? How many members in your church? Is your denomination affiliated with the NAE? Your church affiliated? Are you a member of the NAE?

Beforehand there had to be a good coverage of evangelical ministers through our mailing list. A stamped, self-addressed envelope was enclosed, and a telephone follow-up covered those who did not reply. The important question is not how many Protestants your association represents. The question is, how many do you definitely represent in the matter of radio time. Certain denominational groups said they did not wish to affiliate with the GCAE, but they did want that as-

sociation to represent them for radio. The number of Protestants desiring to be represented by an affiliate of the NCCCUSA in any one area is usually smaller than both liberals and evangelicals realize.

The GCAE prepared a brochure for the stations, and estimated around 75 to 100,000 evangelicals would prefer representation through this group rather than the local council of churches. The results of the questionnaire were given, plus a list of the denominations these ministers came from. It was made clear the NCCCUSA does not speak for everyone in its member denominations.

The brochure included the resolution adopted by the National Religious Broadcasters at Minneapolis in 1946, plus the programs aired annually over the national networks for the NAE, such as "Faith In Our Time" over Mutual and "Faith In Action" over the NBC. This information is supplied by National Religious Broadcasters, Inc., Springfield, Missouri.

The brochure carefully explained why so many churches did not want to be represented by the local council of churches, and that hundreds of pastors of Protestant churches in Cincinnati were never asked to speak on radio sustaining time. It also explained how and why such cities as Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, etc., have two or more official organizations representing their Protestant constituency.

The next step was meeting with station executives. It is best to meet, if possible, with all of them at the same time during, say, the luncheon hour. Fortunately, one station official had already met with the GCAE, was familiar with some of its ministers and their work, and "went to bat" for the request of this Association for radio sustaining time.

There were a number of factors in favor of our evangelical group. For one thing, Billy Graham held meetings at the Cincinnati Gardens two years before, and the stations associated both Graham and the tremendous audiences with the GCAE. Secondly, the national convention of the NAE was held in Cincinnati the year previous, and it was given wide publicity. The stations felt that the GCAE was strong in this city. Thirdly, none of the stations except one sells time to churches, even though some fundamental churches had continually demanded it. When the president and executive secretary visited station executives, they pointed out how desirable it would be for an evangelical association to receive time so that all fundamental churches could be represented. No church could say it was being discriminated against because it was not affiliated with the local council of churches.

Three stations were visited and two granted one half hour each on Sunday morning. The task before us was big enough as a starter.

A radio commission was set up with a minister representing Lutherans, another the Baptists, and so on. The stations contact the commission through the chairman, no one else. The commission set up a code of radio ethics as follows:

Ethical Code for Radio Broadcasting

1. Radio time is given to this Association as a public service, and speakers will wish to demonstrate the utmost courtesy and cooperation with station personnel.
2. Be prompt for station appointments. If you see that you can not keep an appointment, call _____ or call Rev. Robert St. Clair (GRandview 7757).
3. Employ the best techniques of radio speaking. This implies refraining from harsh, unctuous, and unnatural use of the voice and avoiding obtuse and pious-sounding cliches.
4. No speaker may solicit funds.
5. Do not criticize political parties, other religious groups and denominations, or other religious views.
6. Refrain from emphasizing personal and denominational distinctions concerning the sacraments, eschatology, and the Holy Spirit. Whenever possible, *avoid bickering over the fine points of technical ethics and theology.*
7. This code does not urge compromising the evangelical faith, since the Association received time with the understanding that it would stress the essentials of the faith as found in the New Testament. Maximum results will be achieved by honoring the risen Christ in the deepest spirit of love.

The chairman of the commission contacts the denominational representative, indicating his responsibility for one of two broadcasts on a certain station. The representative in turn contacts an evangelical minister about an appointment with the station, and sends along a format, code of ethics, and list of religious hymns available on the station.

At present, each broadcast has the highest rating of any program for that two hour period on Sunday morning. Some time in the future the TV stations will be contacted.

Recently, Rev. Wendell Loveless of Wheaton, Illinois met with fifty-one ministers and five laymen of the GCAE to discuss ways and means of improving the style and format of the broadcasts. The radio commission will be meeting shortly to study the results of the session, and study groups will be set up to improve listener interest.

Although the programs have resulted in a greater interest in this association among Bible-believing Christians throughout the city, the purpose is not merely to publicize evangelical churches or advance the cause of NAE. The purpose is to publicize the power of the Gospel, and to advance the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Social Justice

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competitive social order. These conditions are not due primarily to an inability to produce sufficient goods and services, but rather to a maladjustment of our system of distribution and in many instances to underproduction resulting from monopolistic controls. In addition to these problems we are shouldered with a system of taxation so antiquated and hopelessly inadequate that our system of public education so essential to the American way of life is deteriorating at an alarming pace.

These are facts that Evangelicals must have the courage to face intelligently. While recognizing the primary obligation of the Church for preaching the Gospel of personal salvation we must confront our people with the responsibility for ministering to the temporal well-being of mankind. People outside the Christian community have little understanding or interest in Theology, but they are vitally interested in social morality. Therefore church members who solemnly pray "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven" while remaining indifferent to these basic needs of their fellow men, will hardy help in convincing the unchurched as to the validity and relevance of the Christian Gospel.

One of the pressing needs in recent years has been to provide adequate housing for all our citizens. The lack of proper housing has contributed to the problems of juvenile delinquency and divorce perhaps more than anything else except inadequate moral and religious training. Yet the Evangelical Church has failed to make its voice heard in protest against the activities of a real estate lobby, which has time and again blocked legislation providing for low-priced housing. Some Evangelicals would likely brand such legislation as "socialistic" and therefore dangerous to the American way of life. A few years ago when the press and radio were much concerned with the demand of coal miners for a program of social security, a prominent Evangelical, in speaking of these matters, stated that these demands were uncalled for and that all the security we need is to be found in Christ. While no Bible be-

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Our Sons and Daughters In This Military Era

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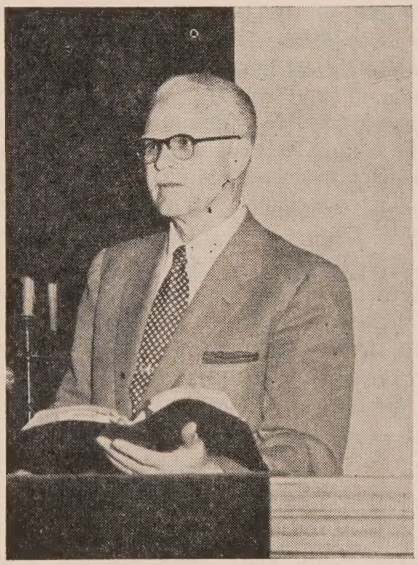
A DISTRAUGHT mother told me the other day, "The army has ruined my boy." Perhaps you have heard like statements or have been inclined to think so yourself. It was not until I was in Manheim, Germany that I was aware of the great effort the military is making to provide wholesome surroundings for our boys.

On a lovely night in March I was invited by the Provost Marshal, who is head of the Military Police at Coleman Barracks in Manheim, to make a tour of the low dives, drinking places, streets of prostitution and places of ill-fame in that city. The purpose of the tour was to see that military enforcements were carried out. I saw where "off limits" signs posted by Military Police had been taken down. The Provost Marshal had to replace the signs by painting them on the sides of buildings so that they could not be removed. Together we patrolled the streets. Many times he stopped the scout car and warned a straggling serviceman here or there that he was getting dangerously close to trouble. I have known that there are Military Police but never realized the job they are endeavoring to do to help your boy and mine to hold his virtue and his character.

On other occasions both in the Far East and Europe, while ministering at the invitation of the United States Air Force, I have seen the extensive effort of the Military to provide good clean recreation for the servicemen. I have visited the hobby shops, photo labs, woodwork shops, reading rooms and libraries; I have seen the high school and university extension courses; I have seen the elementary schools provided for the servicemen who had been unfortunate enough not to be able to finish grade school. There is everything to take the lad as far as he wants to go in training. Some of the work done by servicemen in these hobby shops is excellent: model airplanes, wallets, ladies' pocket books, etc.

In addition to those things I saw the planned tours provided by the Service Clubs which would take servicemen on various week-end tours in different parts of Europe. When the tour conflicts with Chapel service, special effort is made to have chapel attendance first.

I was indeed impressed with the program which is in operation to develop our young people from a natural and a material standpoint. With all of the foregoing fresh in my mind I felt compelled to congratulate the commanding officer of Coleman Barracks in Manheim, Colonel Inskeep, for the effort that the military is putting forth to surround our boys with industry, training and those things which make for wholesome living. But I have been appalled when I have observed how poorly equipped spiritually the boys in the military, as a whole, are. After congratulating the Colonel I felt compelled further to say, "I am afraid the church will have to do something." He looked at me and this is what he said, "I am afraid the church is too interested in the heathen in Africa, India and China to be interested in their own American boys." What an indictment! The church should be interested in the heathen. That is right. But is it logical for the church to forget her own boys?



DOUGLAS G. SCOTT
Speaking at a Government Base in Europe

Perhaps as you are reading this you are thinking, "We haven't forgotten our boys." That may be true in your case and in the case of your boy. But we are now looking at the picture as a whole. Each year one million boys are taken into the armed forces and one million boys are discharged. According to statistics on one base fifty per cent of all the boys who pass through the base have no church connection whatsoever. They are absolutely unchurched. Of the other fifty per cent one third are Catholic and Jewish, and the two thirds are Protestant. Out of this Protestant group about ten per cent have a practical Christian experience. What a mission field! About three things stand out in my mind in this connection. First, I have the words of one officer still ringing in my ears, "Will you do one thing for me? Will you tell the church to work among the young people of her community?" Second, now is the time to indoctrinate those young people and boys and girls we still have in our church, and prepare their hearts for that time when they too will be in the service. Yes, they will have to go for we are in a permanent crisis which will demand our youth for years to come, if Jesus tarries. Third, I know of many, many boys in Europe and the Far East who have been forgotten by home, church and pastor. According to one officer the boys with whom they have the most trouble are the ones who never hear from home. Amazing, isn't it? But it is true.

He was just a lad. He did not leave home because he wanted to. He went because Uncle Sam said he must. He was homesick and lonesome. Those letters from home were the one bright spot in his life. They kept him in touch with the things which were most dear to him. When they ceased to come his

interests were adjusted and centered in other things. The drinking places, the streets of legalized prostitution, the places of ill-fame beckon him. It would have been a little work to write letters consistently, to send church bulletins, Sunday School papers and weekly church publications to him. They would have meant so much to him. An occasional letter from the young people as a group might have been just the thing that would have filled the vacancy in his life some night. But he is now in a strange land if he has left the shores of the USA. He may be in a land that is either pagan or Roman Catholic. Moral standards are low. There is no restraint. May God help us to think seriously and PRAY for this lad and thousands like him.

Remember, the military is trying to hold the interest of the servicemen by providing wholesome recreation. But this is not enough for, unless the home and the church provide spiritual aid too, many a boy will be lost forever to the church, and to God and heaven. I am afraid we are so far away from the doctrine of retribution that we have failed to teach that "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." In this world, yes, in the next, yes. The time is ripe for the church to teach that God's word says he will punish sin. Ps. 9:17—"The wicked shall be turned into hell." "I am Jehovah, I change not." The same God who hurled oceans over the Alps, burned Sodom to cinders, filled the streets of Jericho with dead bodies; the same God who punished Cain and plagued Esau with remorse, swallowed Korah by an earthquake and brought Belshazzar to judgment at his own banqueting table still lives unchanged forever!

There is still another side to the picture. We have been sending missionaries into heathen lands for years. They have held up the banner of the Cross, salvation and holy living. They have been known as *Americans*. The life which our *American* servicemen live abroad is extremely important for they are interpreters of our civilization and our religion. The question comes back to us as a boomerang. "How is the church and the home equipping these boys on whose behavior so much depends?" It is extremely necessary that the church maintain a place of moral and spiritual leadership among our servicemen.

There are 2,500,000 young people in our educational institutions of higher learning above high school today. There are 3,500,000 young people in the military. These young people serve from two to three years in a foreign land learning the ways of the nations in which they serve. Will they be lost to the home and church through indifference, or shall the church arise to the condition and prepare them, go with them and bring them back to the church which they left? We must decide *now*. Next year may be too late!

I am compelled to speak of the work of the chaplain provided by the military for the spiritual welfare of the boys. The role of the chaplain in the Armed Services is to challenge the servicemen to personal religious conviction and clean living, and to make them to know that he is there to serve their spiritual and personal interests. In the working out of this role the chaplain is responsible to provide a general service on each base, a Sunday School and a Character Guidance Program. It is also his duty to give an orientation lecture to the men in his charge, as they enter upon their military career. In this lecture, in general, the chaplain is expected to touch on the purpose of his being there, to make the men acquainted with the role of the chaplain in the armed services and to invite them to the chapel services. I have worked closely with chaplains during the past seven years and again I must compliment the military for this most important and greatly needed ministry that is provided for our boys, through the Chaplains Program. May we never neglect to encourage our young people to attend chapel service while in the military.

But the great burden upon my heart is that the local churches keep in close touch with their own boys and the boys of their communities in the Armed Services. Such contact may well save their souls for eternity.

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liever will deny the readiness and ability of the Lord to provide for all needs of His people, it seemed strangely inconsistent for a minister of the Gospel whose denomination is underwriting a generous pension for him and his dependents, to imply that miners engaged in one of the most hazardous occupations would not have the right to demand the same measure of security for themselves and their dependents. The current movement against Communistic infiltration, made necessary in the interest of national security, is unfortunately being utilized by many adherants of the *status quo* to blast any organization or individual seeking to correct weaknesses in our system of free enterprise. For Evangelicals to direct their energies and lend their influence against those who by constitutional means are seeking to better the lot of their fellow men seems stupid and obviously out of harmony with the plain teachings of Jesus Christ. It appears about as sensible as was the action of the well-meaning woman who went about in a military hospital distributing tracts on the evils of dancing to men who had lost legs in combat.

Anyone who has seriously studied history, sacred and secular, knows that social injustice has been one of the most frequent causes contributing to the downfall of nations. This was certainly true in the case of Israel and Judah, as even a casual reading of the Prophets will show. Consider the charges brought against his nation by Isaiah (1:17, 23, 24). Aside from the solemn injunctions against apostasy and immorality, the whole burden of the message of Amos is directed against economic injustice, which enables some to live in luxury while others suffered from extreme poverty. It was when these inequities prevailed that judgment fell upon these nations and they were virtually destroyed. Similarly many other nation have been destroyed, not by the activity of a group of unscrupulous and well-organized revolutionaries, but rather because social conditions reached a point when the majority of people felt that they were intolerable. Then they were willing to allow power to pass into the hands of untrustworthy radicals in order to affect some kind of a change which they hoped would be for the better.

The teachings of the New Testament deal primarily with the establishment of a spiritual kingdom and therefore do not endorse any one social or economic order. Yet the words of Christ and the Apostles were in many instances directed against the selfishness and materialism of their day. It seems highly improbable that, were they speaking today, they would give modern *laissez-faire capitalism* the unqualified endorsement many Fundamenalists seem willing to accord it. It would be interesting to imagine what the Master who ordered that the communications of his followers should be "yea, yea; and nay, nay" would have to say about the methods of advertizing employed in our American system of free enterprise. In reading the fifth chapter of James one wonders if what the brother of our Lord had to say about the rich of his day is not equally applicable to our own day in numerous instances. Social justice was apparently a fundamental truth to James. Is it not high time that those of us who profess to believe that the whole Bible is the word of God begin to demonstrate the practicability of that Word in the development of a sound social philosophy?

The Evil Objectives of Liquor Advertising

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A NEWSPAPER advertisement four days before Easter was in the form of a stained glass window. In the center was a wine bottle surrounded by lilies. The word "Easter" was spelled out in artistic letters. Beneath the bottle was the message "From the Goodness of Earth and Man." The company's name followed: The Christian Brothers of California, wine manufacturers.

A beer company had its slogan, "6 out of 10 prefer Valley Forge," superimposed on the stands of a baseball stadium, and closed the advertisement with pictures of the Capital Dome and the Washington Monument.

The Duquesne Brewing Company of Pittsburgh had last year a billboard advertisement picturing a mother saying to her daughter, obviously a new bride, "Now be sure to serve him Duquesne Beer."

The House of Seagram began one of its annual Father's Day advertisements, in which a father was shown with his young son, "The fifth freedom —the freedom to dream," and went on to say: "We of the House of Seagram, we who make fine whiskies, believe that reasonableness and moderation in your use of liquor will help your boy and his dream. We believe that if you are moderate, your son will respect you and the things you stand for. There's a good chance he'll be the man you want him to be."

These advertisements are examples of the lengths to which brewers, vintners, and distillers go to make drinkers of our people. The manufacurers of alcoholic beverages are spending an estimated $250,000,000 a year to convince Americans that it is smart to drink. Many channels of advertising are used but the principal ones are television, radio, newspaper and magazine, and billboard advertising.

The brewers are concentrating their advertising upon the consumption of beer in the home. A speaker before the United States Brewers Foundation convention in New Orleans in 1952 said: "The home still represents the greatest opportunity for the expansion of sales. The home is also the ultimate proving ground for any product. Once it is accepted in the home it becomes part of the established way of living. Moreover, when a product has been accepted in the home it has automatically been accepted by women. It is important that the brewing industry advertising appeal to women. Always it must be kept in mind that there are more eligible women voters than men.

"More beer served in American homes means more sales, a stronger bulwark against the threat of prohibition, and a greater social acceptance—and that is why our advertising should concentrate on the home."

The *Brewers' Digest,* in September, 1950, said: "Television has offered the brewers a unique advantage. It has opened a vast new market almost untapped—the American home."

The success of the brewers' tlevision advertising is seen in the fact that last year beer sales in food stores topped all soft drinks sales five to one. The brewers claim that today beer is served in the homes of more than two-thirds of the forty million families in the United States.

Many people believe that the greatest single contributing factor in the widespread use of beer, wine, and whiskey is the extensive advertising of these products. This advertising, in one form or another, goes into practically every home in the nation. Who can estimate the effect it is having upon the impressionable minds of young children and upon the habits of teenagers who are eager to be popular and up-to-date?

A study of liquor advertising techniques reveals that there are apparently four objectives of the beer, wine, and whiskey advertisments. These are: (1) to recruit new customers; (2) to place trade names before the public; (3) to promote social acceptance of drinking; and (4) to increase sales. Let us examine these.

To Recruit New Customers

The only way for a product to become more popular is for its manufacturer to find new customers every year. An insurance company can grow only by writing many new policies, for a certain number of its policyholders die each year. In like manner, a brewer or a distiller if he wants his business to grow must constantly look for new customers. A spokesman for the brewers expressed it like this: "The need is to gradually increase the consumption of the present beer drinkers and to win more users." In recent years the liquor industry has found its new recruits chiefly among women and young people. *Spirits,* a liquor organ, said in November, 1951: "We believe a teenage moderation program should be adopted with some real strength behind it. We are told this is too 'ticklish.' We don't agree."

To Publicize Trade Names

The average adult, even though he may not drink alcoholic beverages, can readily name several brands of beer, wine, or whiskey. Advertisements of these brands are frequently seen. It is impossible to escape them. The companies which manufacture these brands want their products to be widely known by name and they spend millions to popularize their brands. Even children remember the names of brands of beer which they see and hear on television commercials.

To Promote Social Acceptance

This is perhaps the main objective of liquor advertising. The brewers' "Home Life in America" series makes every incident of home life the proper occasion for drinking beer. These advertisements (which always exclude children) appear regularly in six leading magazines—*Life, Collier's, United States News, Look, McCall's,* and the *Woman's Home Companion.* Drinking is pictured as glamorous and gracious, the smart thing to do. The distillers have the "Men of Distinction" series, in which they depict leading men of industry, holding a glass of whiskey, with the obvious inference that whiskey drinking will lead to wealth and social

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Action EDITORIAL

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THE FUTURE OF "FUNDAMENTALISM"

In our last issue we wrote of "The Present State of 'Fundamentalism.' " We tried to make it clear that we are not of that company of evangelicals who say, "Fundamentalism is dead." The great all-inclusive movement to preserve and perpetuate "the faith once for all delivered to the saints" lives and thrives and advances!

But what of the future of this movement? Evangelicals will do well to pray and seek the leading of the Holy Spirit on that subject. Yea, they need to face with realism the cold, hard facts of today's world and deal with them with sanctified common sense.

Yesterday's "Fundamentalism" won its battle. It boldly challenged the evolutionary materialism of science, the radical, skeptical attitude toward biblical criticism, the non-authoritative and pro-scientific approach to the problems of religion. Today the battlefield is strewn with the books and sermons of the old liberalism. The liberalism that remains is a compromise with Biblical Christianity and speaks with a vocabulary that passes for orthodox. The deeper mankind plunges into world crisis the closer men are driven to the ultimate realities of the faith God revealed from heaven through His prophets and apostles in Holy Scriptures.

Yesterday's battle was won, but the war still remains to be fought to a victorious conclusion.

We are living in a new day with all the basic factors of life conditioned in our favor. There is not a day that passes without thousands of unheralded conversions from the ranks of liberalism to a more biblical Christianity. The whole wide world is waiting for some prophetic utterance of the eternal truth of God that will meet the need of the hour. This must come from men who are in close touch with the living Christ and who hold the revelation of the Word of Life inviolate.

This is not the world in which "Fundamentalism" had its rise. That was yesterday's world. Today's world calls not for yesterday's approach to the problems of religion and life, but for new approaches, new emphases, new strategies. Do not misunderstand us! Christ is "the same yesterday, today and forever." Old truth—if it *was* truth, *is* truth and *will be* truth. God's plan of salvation is immutable. The true Church is indestructible. Our chief enemy is the same old Satan. Sin is unregenerate man's inherent stumblingblock. But if we will study the history of the Church for some two thousand years we will discover that in a changing world it has met new situations with new tactics. What is the strategy for our day?

We need to lift our sights above old non-biblical concepts, accept the valid discoveries and worthwhile advances of modern life and think, plan and act accordingly. We need to abandon our isolationisms, provincialisms and traditionalisms which are obselete and which might keep us from a realistic approach to the actual problems of men in our day and time.

We need to realize that the Christian world is in a state of flux. Many of the old lines which used to separate us have little meaning in a modern frame of reference. Men who were "liberals" yesterday are not so sure of their ground today as they face an atomic world and the possibility of the utter destruction of civilization and the human race. Evangelicals who were anti-cultural, anti-scientific and anti-educational yesterday are realizing the necessity of living effectively in a bigger, wider world than they even knew existed. While, as we have said, the great eternal facts and truths of Christianity are unchanging, men and institutions and science are changing and we must meet them and challenge them and help them grow in the direction of God and the Gospel. We must not condemn sincere thinking and growing men and refuse to meet with them (because of some preconceived notions about them) and talk and pray with them and teach them "the way of the Lord more perfectly."

We need to examine ourselves, not only to determine whether we are in the faith, but to see whether we are guilty of self-righteousness and pride. We need to humble ourselves and pray and seek the face of God in new and vital spiritual experience. We need a new endowment of the Holy Spirit and a new willingness to follow His leading.

We need to restudy the Bible itself. The dogmas and creeds of men, however noble and inspiring, however enlightening and strengthening, however purposeful in grounding our minds in fundamental doctrine, can never take the place of the Bible as the direct revelation of God and the infallible authority in all that pertains to faith and life. Fresh touch with the living, written Word can under God give evangelicals a new birth of freedom of thought and launch us upon a movement of such broad proportions that it can sweep the world.

We need to rise above all organizations of men in a bigger and broader fellowship, as big and as broad as the Church of God. God has blessed some of us in our bold and uncompromising stand for the "faith once for all delivered" in the midst of doubt and apostasy. We have built great churches, great Bible institutes and colleges, missionary enterprises that span the world, publishing houses, radio ministries and inter-church agencies that show every mark of the blessing of God. But if we are going to allow these works of our hands to bulk so large in our thinking as to cut us off from fellowship with others of like mind and heart we are failing Him who made it possible for us to achieve great things for Him. We need to see today's religious problems from the viewpoint of God and be as big and as broad in our concerns as He is. Any barriers that we allow to keep us from having a love for mankind as wide as the love which our Lord Jesus Christ demonstrated on Mount Calvary should be pulled down *now!* Tomorrow may be too late in the schedule of God's plan of the ages.

We need to mobilize all our evangelical forces, endowments and personnel in the local churches, in inter-church

agencies, in education, in evangelism, in journalism, in radio and television, in missions—in all fields and spheres of Christian service—for a movement of such proportions that God can take it and use it to the accomplishment of His purposes in Nineteen Hundred and NOW. This will call for the absolutely complete and unwithholding surrender of our intellectual, material and spiritual resources and a whole-hearted determination to match and exceed the highest and the best that liberalism, humanism and paganism have to offer.

Dr. Harold J. Ockenga at Saint Louis in 1942 said that an organization of evangelicals should be launched which "will be the vanguard of a movement" which will have "repercussions in every phase of life" to the glory of God. That organization was realized in the National Association of Evangelicals, which has rendered and is rendering yoeman services in inter-church co-operation. But let us not lose the vision of Dr. Ockenga. We have far more to accomplish than has been accomplished. Let us think of ourselves as "the vanguard of a movement" that shall achieve God's purposes in our time and literally "turn the world upside down" for Him.

If so-called "Fundamentalism" cannot measure up to a vision, a dedication, a purpose and a program superlatively adequate for our day, the God who gave us the torch of Faith two generations ago will take it from our hands and pass it to some new Company of the Saved who can carry it to victory.

Toynbee and Peale

A veritable stream of letters constantly pours over our desk in which we are queried about every conceivable thing under the sun. Now we are not in any sense omniscient. We could not qualify as a delphic oracle. We cannot speak *ex cathedra* for the National Association of Evangelicals or the larger evangelical movement. We pass many inquiries on to men who know more than we do for better answers than we can give.

If it is mere opinion which is desired, we do our inadequate best. We have had many letters lately asking our opinion of Dr. Arnold Toynbee and Dr. Norman Vincent Peale. In the hope that our published opinion will forestall more letters of the same kind and save our office some extra work we venture to print our stock answers.

Re Dr. Toynbee

Although Dr. Toynbee calls himself a Christian and uses a broadly Christian terminology in his writings, he is not a Christian in the biblical sense of that term. He does not believe in the deity of Christ. To him, all the great religions of history—Buddhism, Hinduism, Christianity, Islam, etc.—are worthwhile ways to God. This brilliant man evidently knows nothing of what Christ talked to Nicodemus about in John 3.

With such a background it would be impossible for Dr. Toynbee to give in his writings a truly Christian view of history. What he does is to give an honest pagan's objective view. In this he has put God back into history— a remarkable development in a day when the great historians have considered Him wholly irrelevant. He uses Christian symbolism and theology in expressing his secular views about the problems of the Christian era in history. He admits that we would not have the threat of Communism to day if Christianity had not failed as a social, political and intellectual force in the last 200 years.

Dr. Toynbee writes brilliantly and imaginatively and much that he says is eminently worthwhile, but do not get the idea that he is speaking the Christian word for our day. Would that we had such an historian as well qualified as he to speak it.

Re Dr. Peale

There is no question in my mind but that Dr. Peale is a born-again Christian. Anyone who has followed his ministry and known of his early background would be compelled to say that. He was born and raised in rural Ohio in a Methodist preacher's home. He has been found on the right side of many moral and religious issues. Dr. Daniel A. Poling thought enough of him to approve him as his successor in Marble Collegiate Church, New York. If Dr. Poling had thought Dr. Peale was anything less than a Christ-honoring, Bible-loving child of God, I am sure he would have moved heaven and earth to keep him out of that pulpit.

It is true that one very seldom hears Dr. Peale preach what might be termed a "Gospel sermon." His books are virtually silent on the subject of salvation. He says many things with which we cannot agree. But he is engaged in a specialized ministry—preaching and helping men practice the Christian techniques of victorious living. In this he is committing no greater sin than the orthodox minister who decides to teach hermeneutics or church history or psychology in a theological seminary. In such a specialized work this orthodox minister might preach very few Gospel sermons, but he would be rendering a much-needed service in training young men for the Christian ministry.

The great audiences who come to hear Dr. Peale and the hundreds of thousands that read his writings are evidence of the hunger of mankind to learn Christian techniques of daily living in a world gone mad. Those who criticize him might well ask themselves whether they are preaching and practicing this phase of biblical truth well enough to keep their people from seeking Dr. Peale's help, or, what is worse, the help of innumerable strange cults which have arisen because evangelical pastors have failed to teach what the Bible says about healing and faith for daily living.

Our chief concern about Dr. Peale is whether he might allow the temptations of popularity and largess to rob him of his spiritual power. He should have the prayers of Christian people rather than their criticisms.

Instruments of Peace

The greatest instruments being used for world peace and the building of a world order fit to live in, are born-again Christians.

Our supreme hope is not in the United Nations, nor in the United States, nor in the multitudinous organizations for the promotion of peace but in men and women, boys and girls who have been touched by the Spirit of Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Francis of Assisi, after he had experienced this transforming touch, wrote: "Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is dying that we are born to eternal life."

A society of people like that can turn the world upside down for God.

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Marriages in Spain

The proposed agreements between the United States and Spain regarding the marriage of American G.I.'s who are to be stationed in that country has been submerged in a dense political fog, ever since the news of the nature of the agreement was reported from Madrid in late December.

Part of the confusion in the matter was due to the fact that the established channels for approval of the marriage agreements were completely bypassed. It has been reported on good authority in Washington that a Roman Catholic chaplain who had been studying the proposed agreement referred the matter to Cardinal Spellman in New York, who, in turn conferred with Charles E. Wilson, Secretary of Defense. While this was taking place it generated excitement in U. S. Military circles in Madrid, where it broke into the press.

It is universally recognized that any country has the right to authorize marriages performed within its boundries. The conflict in this case is due to the fact that the Roman Catholic Church, being so closely tied to the state, has a complete monopoly on marriages in Spain. The agreements, to which the U.S. Government would officially become a partner, would undoubtedly recognize that monopoly, thereby making tacit approval of the intolerable situation which exists in Spain.

The situation is complicated by the fact that the overwhelming majority of Spaniards have been baptized in a Roman Catholic church. In Spain there is no way of breaking this tie, even when a person desires to do so.

The agreement, therefore, would most likely precipitate the following situations:

(1) An American Protestant G.I. wanting to marry a Spanish Catholic girl—He would be allowed to sign the usual vows concerning the rearing of his children in the Catholic faith; the Catholic clergy in Spain would approve and perform the marriage, or it may be approved and performed by a Catholic chaplain with the approval of the Spanish clergy. Without the vows the marriage would not be allowed.

(2) An American Protestant G.I. wanting to marry a Spanish Protestant girl—If she had at any time been baptized in the Catholic Church the marriage would not be allowed unless she returned to the Church and her partner made the binding vows concerning their family. If she had never had any ties with the Catholic Church (a very rare case) then the marriage may be approved and performed by the Protestant chaplain, but with great delays due to the fact that it is practically impossible.

(3) An American Protestant G.I. and an American Catholic girl—The man would have to agree to the vows and the marriage would have to be approved, either by the Spanish clergy or by Cardinal Spellman, Military Vicar of the Catholic Church in the U.S.. The marriage would be performed by a Catholic chaplain, or by the Spanish clergy, if so desired, but there would be no possibility of a civil or Protestant wedding.

(4) An American Protestant G.I. and an American Protestant girl—It may be subject to the approval by the Spanish Catholic clergy. A civil ceremony or a service by an American Protestant chaplain may be approved.

(5) An American Catholic G.I. and an American Catholic girl—This arrangement would, of course, be approved. The service could be performed by a Catholic chaplain, or by the Spanish clergy, if desired, but no civil ceremony would be permitted.

In some cases the situation may vary from the above examples, but the same general rulings would be likely to be brought into play.

If such agreements were approved by the U.S. Government it would be done with the recognition that the Catholic Church has complete control of the marriage rite in Spain. Any part which Spanish civil government would take would be purely incidental. Most Protestants feel that such an agreement would, in essence, be an agreement with the Vatican, rather than the Spanish Government.

In other European countries it has been no great problem for our military chaplains to perform marriages under the civil laws of the countries in which they are situated. In some cases a civil service is required in additon to the religious service performed by the chaplain, but there is no serious involvement of state religion in the other European countries.

As yet, the wording of the agreements has not been made public, either by the Military or by the U.S. Department of State. In response to protests which have been directed to the State and Defense Departments from Dr. Henry H. Savage, President of The National Association of Evangelicals, assurances have been given that the agreements will not be approved in Washington without "careful and thorough consideration by all interested Government agencies."

It seems probable that no satisfactory agreement will be reached unless sufficient non-Catholic public opinion in the U.S. forces the Roman Catholic Church to relax its stranglehold on the Spanish situation.

New World Calendar

The World Calendar issue, which has heretofore been unsuccessful in passing the United Nations, has been revived. If this measure were passed it would establish a new calendar system, effective the world over. The opposition of The National Association of Evangelicals to the World Calendar was stated by Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, NAE Secretary of Affairs, in a letter to John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State.

In adopting the new calendar the length of certain months would be changed, in order to bring about a uniform number of days in each quarter. Each quarter would have one month with thirty-one days and two months with thirty days. This would leave one day which would be added on as an eighth day in the month of December, and this day would be a holiday to be celebrated as "Worldsday." In each leap year another "Worldsday" or "Leap Year Day" would be added after the month of June. Neither of these days would have a weekday name.

The World Calendar has gained its main support in the U.S. from business concerns which would welcome the uniform quarter from the business standpoint. But the great majority of the American people have opposed action to adopt the new calendar. Since the new calendar has lacked popular support by the American people, it has been opposed by the American delegation to the United Nations. The opposition of the American and British delegations has been responsible for the fact that no action in adopting the World Calendar has yet been taken in the U.N.

Opposition to the World Calendar has been based mainly on three objections. In the first place, it is unquestionable that some definite problems would arise in regard to placing certain dates. There would also be inevitable confusion in changing to the new calendar system. In the second place, there are many who have felt that the adoption of the World Calendar would be one more link in a chain of events which are intended to lead eventually to world government. Thirdly, many have opposed the World Calendar on the grounds that it would interrupt the seven-day week system of counting time, a system which has been in effect since the creation of the world.

In stating the opposition of the National Association of Evangelicals to the proposal of the new calendar Dr.

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"The Epistles of James and John." Alexander Ross. 249 pp. Eerdmans. $3.50.

This is the fifth of the New International Commentary on the New Testament series, the following having already appeared: Luke, Acts, I Corinthians and Galatians. Dr. Ross was formerly Professor of New Testament in the Free Church College, Edinburgh, and is now Pastor at Burghead, Morayshire, Scotland, and is Associate Editor of The Evangelical Quarterly.

With the background of both teacher and pastor the author is well qualified to undertake these epistles, which contain so much of practical truth. The early dating of James is preferred by our commentator (probably before 50 A. D.), and the close of the century for I John.

While the Revised Version of 1901 is used for the text, the comments are based on the Greek. Greek words are confined to the footnotes, so the book can be easily used by laymen. There is a warm devotional and deeply evangelical tone about the remarks made, and where there is difficulty in the translation due caution is exercised, as for instance in 5:16, the latter part, which he leaves open. In I John 2:18 the problem of the "last hour" is faced squarely, and deference is given to Calvin's position of moderate imminence at this point. There is a brief index of principle subject and an extensive one of Scripture passages cited.

"Archeology and the Old Testament." Merrill F. Unger. 339 pp. Zondervan. $4.95.

Over the past ten years, this reviewer has reviewed several books on archaeology, ranging from the more popular type, such as McKee Adams, *Ancient Records and the Bible*, to the scholarly type, such as W. F. Albright, *The Archaeology of Palestine*. He has often lectured on archaeology, and from ensuing discussions he has come to know that the average person needs more careful grounding than the popular work gives, yet does not have the perspective to use the scholarly work. Dr. Unger has now filled in the gap by producing a thoroughly scholarly work on the subject written so the non-specialist can understand it. In the opinion of this reviewer, this is one of the most significant books from an evangelical pen to appear in 1954.

The role of archaeology is carefully defined (we wish more evangelicals would read it!): "Archaeology's role in confirming the Bible . . . is secondary since the spiritual benefits of Biblical truth are not appropriated by mere knowledge and external proofs of reliability, but on the basis of faith in its internal claims and evidence as God's Word" (p. 15). Extra-biblical materials are quoted in their relevant portions, although if you want the full text you must still use a work such as Bartin's *Archaeology and the Bible* (1937) or Pritchard's *Ancient Near Eastern Texts* (1950). In my opinion, Unger has oversimplified the problem of the date of the Exodus (Chap. XII), and has fallen into the all-too-common practice of suggesting that those who hold to a 13th Century date are theologically suspect (p. 149). An examination of conservative writings (I.S.B.E., for example) will readily reveal that this is simply not so. The chapters pertaining to the Kingdom (XIX-XXIV) are highly commendable.

The documentation is excellent, primary and major secondary sources being quoted throughout (a serious deficiency in Free's work). Typographically the work is relatively free from errors (Zondervan, too often deficient in this area previously, is to be congratulated). Many fine illustrations are included. It is a pleasure to recommend this work.—William Sanford LaSor

"Old Testament in Modern Research." Herbert F. Hahn. 267 pp. Muhlenberg Press. $4.00.

Once in a long while a book appears which sweeps across a vast field covered by many other books, gathering together their separate contributions and analyzing their differences. I have recently read two such books: one in the area of New Testament Introduction (G. R. Beasley-Murray, *Jesus and the Future:* on the eschatological discourse of Mark 13), the other in the area of Old Testament Introduction. The latter is reviewed here. Dr. Hahn's work is so comprehensive that if I were teaching Old Testament Introduction, I would use it for the background of the course.

The author, who has been working in religious instruction in secondary schools, reviews the whole subject of Old Testament Criticism from its beginning down to the present time. The well-known Wellhausen school is traced, root and branches, to the present, and its deficiencies are manifest. Because of these deficiencies, critical scholars have been led to propose other solutions to the problems which criticism has turned up. The anthropological approach of comparative religionists with its Norwegian and British exemplars, the "Religionsgeschichtlicheschule" (which has the distinction of having the longest name, and one which cannot be conveniently translated into English), the school of Form Criticism, the sociological approach, the impact of archaeology on criticism, and now the new Biblical Theology, are all discussed thoroughly and (within the limits of human ability) sympathetically. Those who have to work with young people, as well as those who are teaching in the field of Old Testament, should be aware of these trends, and should know the distinctive contributions of the representative protagonists. I know of no better single book than Hahn's for this purpose.

If the author belongs to any school or takes any position, I failed to find it. His approach is objective. Yet, when he has gotten finished, I have the feeling that in the very diversity of opinions to be found in the critical schools, he has demonstrated their weakness. When a theory is soundly based, however much the details may have to be worked out, the theory establishes its own veracity. But in the case of Old Testament Criticism, such veracity is certainly not yet apparent. Hahn's survey of the field makes this clear.—William Sanford LaSor

"Jewish Leaders (1750-1940). Edited by Leo Jung. xii, 564 pp. Bloch Pub. Co. $4.50.

In twenty-five chapters we have in this book a survey of some of the chief leaders of conservative Judaism of the past two centuries, chiefly in Europe. Each individual is written up by a different author, and Cecil Roth of England writes up "Britain's Three Chief Rabbis." As a record of Jewish life and community, as revealed by the variety and strength of its leadership, this volume is a substantial reference work. It makes interesting, as well as profitable reading.

One of the most interesting sketches in the book is that of Rabbi Eliyahu Klatzkin (1852-1932). Insights into some of the difficulties of certain types of Hebrew commentary literature may be gained by reading of this ultra-learned Rabbi who would rather study than eat. He had almost a photographic memory so that he could recount the whole Talmud at fourteen, and yet he spoke in fragments and incomplete statements.

Then there was the Gaon of Ragatchov, Joseph Rosen, who studied up to twenty hours a day, standing up during the night and studying aloud to keep awake. He had such a phenomenal memory that he once quoted nearly 2500 Rabbinical comments in one of his writings without bothering to look up the sources! It was said of him, "He was in his own person the complete library of the Talmud, and his knowledge was as accurately classified as that of an encyclopedia with the index to all the topics at his swift call. Whatever his eye saw was kept forever" (p. 399). Anybody interested in scholars and books will enjoy this volume. The price is refreshingly reasonable for a book of this size.

"The Woman of Tekoah and other Sermons on Bible Characters." Clarence Edward Macartney. 160 pp. Abingdon. $2.00

Dr. Macartney has made a specialty of biographical sermons, and in this volume he deals with some of the less known persons of the Bible, as well as some of the familiar ones—Naboth, Jehoshaphat, Onesiphorus, Agrippa and Malchus among them. Out of events and statements of these lives come truths that are turned to the service of the gospel message, and they that are dead yet speak.

"Divorce and Remarriage: What the Church Believes and Why." Canon Hugh C. Warner. 91 pp. George Allen & Unwin (distributed by Macmillan). $1.50.

A strong argument against the proposed relaxing of the remarriage restrictions held by the Church of England for a thousand years. The book seeks to answer Sir Alan Herbert's "The Right to Marry." In an appendix is an ironical essay "Overheard in 'Ye Olde Geiger Counter' Inn A. D. 1888," in which polygamy has developed to quite an extent in which one boasts, "I'm an unusual chap—so they say—ten wives and all living . . . all with benefit of clergy, mind you."

"The Consuming Fire." Oswald J. Smith. 151 pp. Zondervan. $2.00.

This volume constitutes the Bob Jones University lectures on evangelism for 1953. Few men are better qualified to lecture on the subject than the author of these addresses, who has himself preached long, widely and effectively and led many to dedicate themselves to the ministry and missionary labor.

Eleven qualifications for effective evangelism are outlined in the first two lectures. Real evangelistic work follows certain rules and produces certain results, which are discussed in the next two chapters. The distinctions between evangelism and revival are explored. The inquiry room and techniques are discussed. Practical considerations and anecdotes abound throughout the book.

"The Medical Language of St. Luke." William Kirk Hobart. xxxvi, 305 pp. Baker Book House. $3.60.

The reissue of Hobart's standard work on the subject reproduces the edition of 1882. Present scholarship does not go along with all of the author's classifications, but the book remains a basic treatise on the subject. The Lukan authorship of the Third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles comes out strongly in the light of these studies. This is not a book for one who does not read Greek, but can be very useful in illustrating the Scriptures for one who can handle it. This is another of the Co-operative Reprint Library series.

"The Living Christ and Dying Heathenism; The Experiences of a Missionary in Animistic Heathendom." Joh. Warneck, translated by Neil Buchanan. 312 pp. Baker Book House. $3.95.

Reissue of one of the most important books on animistic heathenism written by an evangelical. For years this has been recommended in missions classes and missionary anthropology courses. The findings of the author, who spent many years with thousands of devotees to animism, led him to a position opposed to the evolutionist who considers animism part of an upward process of religious development. The customs of many tribes are drawn upon by the author to demonstrate the power of the Gospel over this false, but often seemingly miraculous, religious phenomenon.

EVANGELICAL NEWSFRONT

—UNITED ACTION—

Evangelicals Oppose Legalizing of Bingo

LOUDENVILLE, N. Y.—During the last state political campaign in New York both leading parties pledged themselves to legalize bingo. The Protestant forces of the state have been aroused to prevent such legislation.

The Hudson-Mohawk Evangelical Minister's Association has taken action to contact all Assembly men and Senators in this area with the following letter:

"The Hudson-Mohawk Evangelical Ministers' Association is a large group of evangelical Christian ministers serving in the area around the Capitol District. These ministers represent thousands of people connected with their various churches. They also represent the feelings of most evangelical Christians over the state.

"At the last meeting of the Hudson-Mohawk Evangelical Ministers' Association, the members present unanimously approved a resolution to direct their secretary to write to each legislator from this area concerning gambling. It is our purpose to let you know the position we take concerning gambling, and this is the position of our church members: We are definitely opposed to gambling in any form, whether it be Bingo or horse racing. We are opposed to gambling whether the amount hazarded be a nickel or a thousand dollars. We contend that gambling is wrong. We protest that the end can never justify the means. In fact, we believe that if the means is evil, the end is necessarily evil; and if a good end is proposed, that is merely a tattered cloak which attempts to hide the evil means.

"We, therefore, memorialize you to consider this matter of gambling and to take a stand for right when the issue of gambling comes before the Legislature."

California Churchmen Worship in Honolulu

HONOLULU, T. H.—A group of 206 Christians, most of them lay people, came here from Southern California by ship and plane on the Hawaii Christian Conference Cruise.

Headed by Dr. James T. Martin, pastor of Chevy Chase Baptist church, Glendale, Calif., they vacationed and worshiped together. The Honolulu Evangelical Ministers' Fellowship acted as host.

Other minister members of the group included Dr. J. Henry Hutchins, pastor of the Lake Avenue Congregational Church, Pasadena; Dr. J. Lester Harnish, pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Los Angeles, and Dr. J. Vernon McGee, pastor of the Church of the Open Door, Los Angeles.

Each morning under the banyan tree at the Moana Hotel, Waikiki Beach, a devotional service was led by Erling C. Olsen, a radio Bible teacher. Every evening a Bible conference was held at the First Chinese Church of Christ in Honolulu.

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Pittsburgh Fellowship Bids Fowlers Farewell

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — The NAE Women's Fellowship of Pittsburgh at a recent dinner meeting heard Miss Della Cain of the Evangelical Welfare Association of Chicago tell of the great social program of that organization. Plans were laid to secure an evangelical social worker for the Pittsburgh area.

Dr. and Mrs. Frederick C. Fowler were given special recognition for their service and leadership among Evangelicals in Pittsburgh. Mrs. John Plumer, former Pittsburgh president and National Committee woman, presented Mrs. Fowler with a beaded bag. Mrs. Fowler had been treasurer of the local Fellowship since it was organized and had served as chairman of our Civic-Action Committee.

Rev. William Larkin, pastor of Watson Presbyterian Church, presented Dr. Fowler with a framed hand printed tribute on parchment. It read as follows:

The Evangelicals of the Pittsburgh area would hereby express their appreciation of the splendid leadership, devoted loyalty, and self-sacrificing service of

THE REVEREND
FREDERICK CURTIS FOWLER, D.D.

Through seventeen years he has been the leader of the Evangelical group. He has stood unflinchingly in the face of strong and at times vicious opposition for the Gospel of Christ, for our Protestant heritage, and for the American way of life. He has not shunned to declare unto us "all the counsel of God."

Dr. Fowler becomes pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Duluth, Minn.

At this meeting a book collection for evangelical schools was received totaling about 50 volumes. A display of clothing, bandages and layettes for Korean relief was especially interesting.

Evangelicals Protest Persecution in Greece

WASHINGTON, D. C.—In a letter to the Greek Ambassador in Washington, Mr. George V. Melas, the National Association of Evangelicals today protested the sentencing of a Greek Evangelical to two months imprisonment for having written a letter to a Greek newspaper condemning the intolerance of the Greek Orthodox Church.

Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, speaking for the National Association of Evangelicals said that Mr. Charamambus Agapides had "written a letter to *The Macedonia,* a newspaper in Thessalonica in which he had protested the intolerance of, and persecution by the Greek Orthodox Church and some of the political authorities against the Evangelical Church in Katerina, of which church Mr. Agapides is a deacon."

Dr. Taylor said that the National Association of Evangelicals, which represents over 20,000 churches in the United States is organizationally related to the Evangelical Church of Greece through their mutual membership in the World Evangelical Fellowship.

Enlarging upon the situation which has been caused by this incident Dr. Taylor said that "matters of this nature have been very disturbing to Protestants in the United States because they have felt that unnecessary hindrances to the free practice of religion in a free country like Greece are not to be expected." "This particular case" Dr. Taylor said, "involved not only the free practice of religion, but also the freedom of expression and freedom of the press."

Mr. Agapides, a native Greek, addressed his letter to *The Macedonia* about eleven months ago. No official reaction was made for a number of months. He was ordered to go on trial on January 12, 1955. The trial lasted for only three and one-half hours, after which time Mr. Agapides was sentenced to two months imprisonment and was given a three years suspended sentence.

Dr. Taylor closed his letter by saying that the Evangelicals in America "hope that the Greek government will henceforth take a more active roll in gaining an atmosphere of friendliness toward Evangelicals in Greece."

—EDUCATION—

Expansion Program Is Approved at Bob Jones

GREENVILLE, S. C.—A unanimous decision of the Executive Committee of Bob Jones University at a January meeting set plans in motion for a $1,500,000 expansion program. Members of the Board of Trustees residing in Greenville were also present at the meeting.

Included in the program are plans

for a new women's dormitory, a Fine Arts building, a large gymnasium with a swimming pool, and additional faculty housing.

Two new faculty homes will be built this spring and will be ready for occupancy by June. Construction of the women's dormitory will begin in the early fall, with tentative plans to complete it for occupancy in the 1956-57 school year.

Valparaiso U. Plans Men's Dormitory Unit

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—A men's dormitory housing 322 students and costing almost a million dollars will be in operatoin at Valparaiso University in Indiana by the fall semester opening, Dr. O. P. Kretzmann, president, has announced.

Cost of the residence is listed at $977,000, including construction, landscaping, utilities, furniture, other equipment, and contingencies. The dormitory will include a lounge, recreation room, housemaster's apartment, and prayer chapel areas. It will be erected east of the gymnasium in the newer sector of the university campus.

The new building will be the first permanent men's dormitory to be erected since Lembke Hall was completed in 1912, but it will be the sixth major permanent construction project on the new east campus, and the fifth since World War II. The erection of the building will swing the balance of student housing to the east campus, where 800 students will be accomodated.

A student-financed union building, also on the east campus, will be completed in April. The building contains recreation facilities, student offices, and the largest dining room on the campus.

Pastoral Institute Urges Clergy-Doctor Cooperation

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.—(RNS)—More than 300 ministers and religious workers from 11 denominations attended a three-day Institute on Pastoral Care at the Baptist Hospital here.

Dr. Wayne E. Oates, professor of pastoral care, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., told the group that ministers should rely on physicians much as they do upon deacons in the church.

"They are special persons who should be chosen because of their aptness, their devotion and their consecrated ability to meet special needs of those in the fellowship of suffering," he said.

Dr. R. Lofton Hudson of Kansas City, Mo., professor of pastoral care at Central Theological Seminary, said that "religion cannot be relegated to a Sunday exercise, not even to dealing with spiritual matters only. It concerns itself with economics, with health and recreation, with personal relationships and with government."

"Likewise," he said, "psychiatry is concerned with the person as a whole. The pastor and the psychotherapist must meet in the care of the particular patient."

Dr. Russell L. Dicks, professor of pastoral care at Duke University Divinity School, Durham, N. C., declared that religion and psychiatry must work together "as they have not done in the past" in order to help people living in anxious modern times. Anxious people, he said, must be referred to psychiatrists by ministers and to ministers by psychiatrists, in order that each profession may do its share in providing help.

Among other principal speakers were Dr. John M. Price, director of the School of Religious Education, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; and Dr. Stewart A. Newman, professor of theology and philosophy of religion, Southeastern Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

Sponsored by the Department of Pastoral Care of Baptist Hospital and Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest College, the institute program included talks by staff members of the hospital and medical school.

Topics considered included "Where Religion and Psychotherapy Meet," "The Emotional Problems of an Alcoholic," "Historic Development of Healing in the Church," "Applied Pastoral Care," "Personality Development and Person Centered Education," "A Christian Interpretation of Sex and Parenthood," "Mature Personality," and "The Holy Spirit in the Counseling Process."

Christian Day Schools Are Growing Rapidly

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Enrollment in the nation's private, parochial and Christian Day schools is increasing twice as rapidly as in the public schools, the United States Census Bureau reported here.

Since 1948, the first year for which data is available, the number of public school pupils has increased by 4,800,000, or 20 per cent, whereas the number of private and parochial school pupils has grown by 1,200,000, or more than 40 per cent.

American school enrollment has hit an all-time high of 36,000,000. Elementary enrollment (first eight grades) now stands at 24,400,000, the Bureau estimated, high school enrollment is 7,700,000, and college enrollment 2,400,000. In addition, 1,500,000 children under six were in kindergarten classes.

Enrollment in private and parochial schools below the college level is 4,000,000 and in the public schools 30,000,000, the Bureau said.

The Roman Catholic parochial school system is estimated to account for 80 per cent of the non-public elementary school enrollment and 90 per cent of the private high school enrollment, although no exact figures are available. There is a significant increase in Christian Day Schools under evangelical auspices.

In any event, the census report shows conclusively that private schools are making rapid gains on the elementary and secondary level, with the private school system now far larger than it ever has been.

Expansion Planned At Dallas Seminary

DALLAS, Tex.—Dallas Theological Seminary has revealed preliminary architect's drawings for the second phase of its expansion program, the construction of a four story addition to Davidson Hall, the administration building, and the remodeling of the present structure.

This project, which will approximately double the size of Davidson Hall, will cost an estimated $200,000. It will relieve urgent needs for space. The present building was designed to serve a student body of 100. The present Dallas Seminary enrollment stands at 299.

The Seminary library will have its space approximately doubled. The addition will house the stack room which will be on two levels and will permit the expansion of the library to at least 70,000 books. This will free the present stack area for a reading room, which will have facilities for more than 100 men. Librarian James F. Rand indicated that the remodeled library will have every modern facility for scholarly research.

MBI Dedicates Its Torrey-Gray Unit

CHICAGO—"Apostasy stalks the land, and even in the Church," Dr. William Culbertson, president of Moody Bible Institute, said in a sermon at its newly dedicated Torrey-Gray Auditorium.

He spoke at the opening session of the Institute's 49th annual Founders' Week celebration, commemorating the 118th anniversary of Dwight L. Moody's birth, and the centennial of his conversion.

The 2,200 plush upholstered seats in the sanctuary were filled to capacity. Closed circuit television carried his address to nearly a thousand persons in the basement.

Some 3,000 alumni attended the observance. Evening sessions were held in the large auditorium of nearby Moody Memorial church.

"Paganism has made many efforts to disrupt the Christian faith, but never a more insistent or a more insidious effort that it is making today," Dr. Culbertson, an unassigned bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church, said.

"It is nothing for respected church leaders to deny the virgin birth, make fun of verbal inspiration, brand the substitutionary atonement as a medieval superstition, laugh out of court any personal return of our Lord—and get away with such disavowals of faith."

He charged that social gospelers "deny the fundamentals of the faith. The Neo-Orthodox, the modernists who have swung back to a more conservative position have not really adopted the fundamentals of the Word of God."

"The center of the controversy between belief and unbelief, between fundamentalism and modernism is whether we have the complete and final revelation of God in the Bible," he said.

"The man who believes the Bible is indeed the Word of God believes in the virgin birth, the sinless life, the atoning death, the bodily resurrection and ascension and the return of the Lord Jesus.

"To such a man the deity of Christ is no question."

The auditorium memorializes the late Drs. Reuben Archer Torrey and James M. Gray, the institute's second and third chief executives. An organ with four manuals and nearly 4,000 pipes, one of the largest built in Chicago since World War II, will be dedicated in the auditorium next April. It was designed by Donald P. Hustad, who heads the institute's sacred music

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—SUNDAY SCHOOL—

Duluth Will Be Host to New Minnesota S. S. Convention

DULUTH, Minn.—This famous inland port city will be host to the first annual Minnesota State Sunday School Convention. Sunday School teachers and leaders of all denominations will convene here March 7 through 9. The sessions will be held in the First Presbyterian Church and those in charge of arrangements promise anyone attending will receive inspiration, information and instruction that will create a new and fresh approach to their Sunday School problems.

"Better Teachers for Better Sunday Schools" is the theme. The Minnesota State Sunday School Association is affiliated with the National Sunday School Association.

The first session begins at 1:30 P. M. on Monday, March 7th in the auditorium of the First Presbyterian Church located at Third Avenue East and Second Street in downtown Duluth.

Top ranking men and women in the field of Christian education will be the speakers and workshop leaders in seven major sessions and more than fifty workshop Conferences. Such outstanding Sunday School leaders as: Dr. Henrietta Mears, director of Christian Education of the First Presbyterian Church, Hollywood, Calif.; Rev. Clate Risley, General secretary of the National Sunday School Association; Prof. Karl Steele of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., and many, many more.

Exhibits of Sunday School materials and church equipment from many publishing and supply houses will be open to the delegates. Two complete committees are busy with Convention details. One committee for statewide promotion and publicity and one for local arrangements. Local church members are making preparations to house hundreds of people. Rev. Melvin Steinbron of 912 No. 57th Avenue West, Duluth, is housing chairman and should be notified for reservations as early as possible.

"With the program that is planned and the hospitality that is extended from Duluth, we expect this first Minnesota State Sunday School Convention to be a stepping stone to many more and greater gatherings. Delegates will receive the latest in methods and techniques of Sunday School teaching and administration!" observed Dr. Paul Hendricks, of Brainerd, State Chairman.

—MISSIONS—

Oriental Missionary Group Gets New Headquarters

LOS ANGELES.—The international headquarters of The Oriental Missionary Society and its subsidiaries have recently moved into its newly built offices here. The old buildings and six city lots used for the last twenty-five years were purchased by the city for a projected park and the new plant has been erected across the street on other properties owned by the OMS.

Dedicatory services were held on January 16 as the closing service of five days of an inspirational missionary convention. Mrs. Chas E. Cowman, president emeritus, and Dr. Bob Pierce, who has visited the OMS work in most of its eleven fields, brought the dedicatory messages.

Dr. Eugene A. Erny, chairman of the Society, reported that the new buildings have been built without any appeals to the public or the channelling of missionary funds to the project.

Though The Oriental Missionary Society is working in several fields that are counted as danger zones in the present world situation, great programs for advance and extended operations are being entered. The near million dollar regular annual budget of this faith organization will be largely increased to meet the challenges of 1955.

DTS Missions Confab Offers Many Features

DALLAS, Tex.—Twelve missionaries from eleven mission agencies will participate in the third annual Missions Conference of Dallas Theological Seminary March 8-11.

Mission representatives include Ralph Davis, general secretary of the Africa Inland Mission; Gordon Fraser, secretary of the Student Missionary Council; Lon Hitchcock, home secretary of the Central American Mission; Dr. Francis Steele, home secretary of the North Africa Mission, and active missionaries from other global locations.

Churches throughout Dallas have scheduled some of them for evening meetings. A new feature created this year for local pastors will be an afternoon forum to discuss how to develop a missions program in a local church.

According to Chairman Rudolf A. Renfer of the Seminary's Missions Committee, the conference is intended to provide a missionary challenge with help in specific problems to students, and to present missions as the principle reason for the existence of the local church.

Northwestern Schools Missionary Conference

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Sixty-one missionaries and mission society leaders from thirty-nine boards participated in the Northwestern Schools eighth annual Missionary Conference, held this year from January 31 through February 4. Dr. Richard A. Elvee is the President. Day sessions were held in Memorial Hall with the evening meetings in the historic First Baptist Church.

Students of the schools, under the leadership of Dr. Harry Stam, a missionary himself for twenty years in Africa, went all out to make the five day meeting a success. Following the conference theme, "A Mighty Message for a Weary World," they literally transformed the appearance of the College Chapel, Moyer Gymnasium and the First Baptist Church, in keeping with the missionary emphasis.

Attendance was good at each of the seven daily sessions, with over half of the afternoon and evening audiences made up of persons living in the state and not a part of the student body.

Dr. Vincent Brushwyler, of the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society, brought the keynote address Monday morning. Other speakers throughout the week included: Dr. R. R. Brown, radio speaker and mission-

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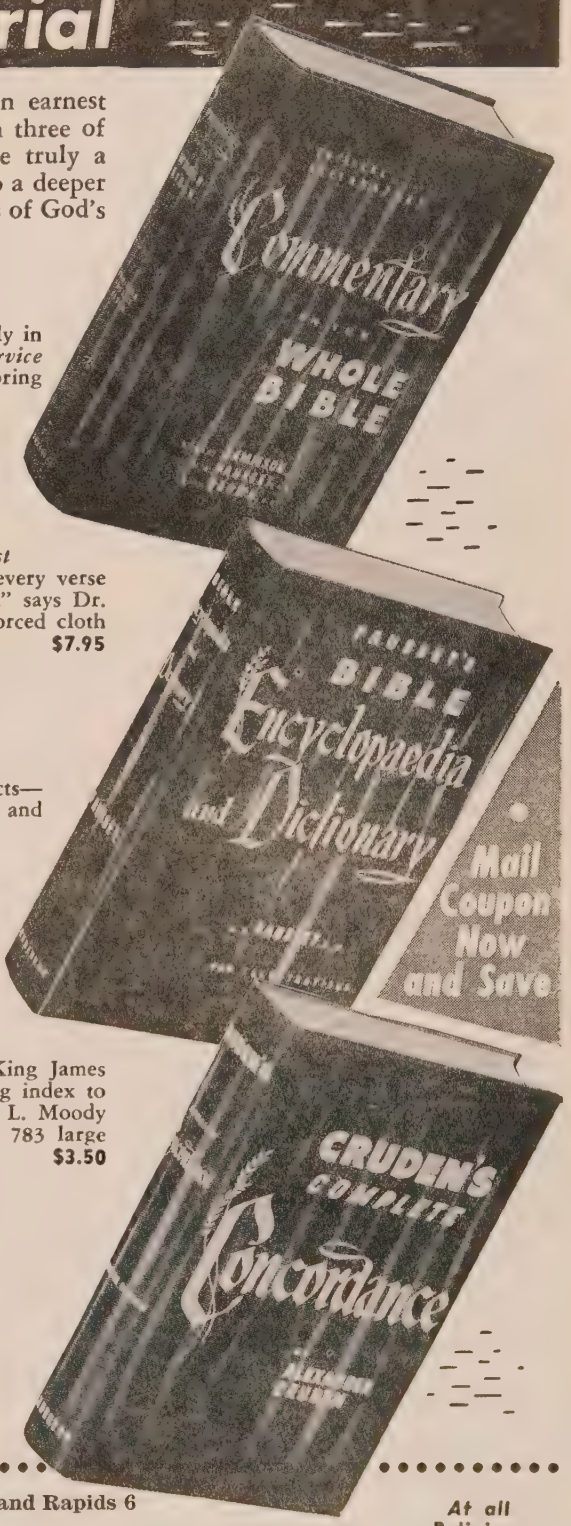

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Throughout the day, many of the messages were made available to the general public by means of the American Family Network, a Christian, noncommercial network made up of KTIS and KNWS, stations owned by Northwestern in Minneapolis, Minnesota and Waterloo, Iowa, and a cooperating station, WPEL in Montrose, Pennsylvania.

ASSEMBLIES

Indoor Camp Meeting Draws Large Crowds

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—The 1955 Mid-Winter Indoor Camp Meeting at Cadle Tabernacle drew the largest crowds in the history of the gathering. It is estimated that there were more than a thousand ministers in attendance. At one service alone there were two hundred and twenty-five. College presidents, evangelists, church leaders, as well as pastors were faithful in attending these special services.

Fifteen states were represented by those attending. Large delegations came from Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri and Illinois. Total attendance reached forty to fifty thousand through the cooperation of the two hundred churches that had a part in the work.

Those bringing the messages for the various services were—Dr. W. L. Surbrook, Dr. Hugh C. Benner, Dr. T. M. Anderson, Bishop Chas. V. Fairburn and Dr. Paul S. Rees. Rev. Orval Butcher had charge of the music. Each day there were three radio programs originating from the platform of the Cadle Tabernacle.

Friday night was the great Youth Night with eight colleges represented: Great Commission Bible School, Anderson, Indiana, brought a choir, as did God's Bible School, Cincinnati, Ohio; Frankfort Pilgrim College, Frankfort, Indiana, and Marion (Wesleyan Methodist) College, Marion, Indiana. Other schools represented were Union Bible Seminary, Westfield, Indiana; Taylor University, Upland, Indiana; Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois; Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Illinois. Many delegations of youth groups from the various churches came for this service. Many came in chartered buses, and more than a thousand young people attended this service, bringing the total to sixty-five hundred for this Youth Night attendance.

DENOMINATIONS

Nazarenes Dedicate New Headquarters Building

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—A new $375,000 international headquarters building for the Church of the Nazarene was dedicated by denominational leaders here.

The ceremony was held at the opening of the 32nd annual meeting of the Church's General Board.

All five general superintendents of the denomination took part in the dedication. Presiding was Dr. D. I. Vanderpool of San Jose, Calif.

Other general superintendents participating were Dr. Hardy C. Powers of Dallas, Tex., and Dr. Hugh C. Benner, Dr. G. B. Williamson and Dr. Samuel Young, all of Kansas City.

Some 350 persons witnessed the dedication.

The new building, which, when completely furnished, will have cost more than $450,000, will consolidate headquarters offices now maintained in other Kansas City buildings.

Before building the new headquarters, the denomination erected a new seminary here costing $380,000.

Augustana Officials Decorated by Sweden

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Two Augustana Lutheran Church officials have been decorated by King Gustav of Sweden for their contributions to Swedish-American relations and for their achievements in the field of religion.

Dr. Oscar A. Benson, president of the 500,000-member denomination and also of the National Lutheran Council, was named a commander of the Order of North Star.

Dr. Emil Swenson, president of the Church's Minnesota Conference, was made a knight in the same order.

An Augustana layman, Dr. Henry P. Linner, Minneapolis physician and surgeon also was made a knight of the order.

Southern Baptist Tab Passes Eight Million

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Southern Baptist Convention membership rose to an all-time high of more than 8,000,000 in 1954 and giving to all causes by the denomination topped the $300,000,000 mark for the first time, it was reported here by J. P. Edmunds, Convention statistician.

Church membership increased 296,289 last year, a gain of 3.8 per cent over 1953, to reach a total of 8,182,305 while 403 new churches were established to bring their total to 29,899, he said. These reported 396,757 baptisms, an increase of 9.7 per cent over 1953.

Total gifts of $305,573,654, or $37.35 per capita, during the year represented a gain of 9.6 per cent over the previous year, according to Mr. Edmunds, secretary of the Southern Baptist department of survey, statistics and information.

Southern Baptist expansion was further reflected in the $55,256,924 rise in the value of Convention properties to a total of $1,075,761,138, he said, and in the gain of 613,190 in Sunday school enrollment to a record total of 6,372,318.

The Sunday school enrollment increase in 1954 was greater than the combined gain of the previous two years, Mr. Edmunds said, and was the result of a Convention-wide campaign directed by J. N. Narmette, secretary of the Sunday school department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Other totals included in the statistician's report were: Training Union, a Sunday evening study group for young people and adults, 2,073,371; vacation Bible school enrollment, 2,570,290; Woman's Missionary Union 1,306,834; and Baptist Brotherhood 274,348.

Mr. Edmunds pointed out that the 1954 membership and Sunday school enrollment totals represent gains of 44 and 89 per cent, respectively, over the 1944 figures of 5,667,926 and 3,372,-909.

Million-Dollar Missions Budget for GC Baptists

CHICAGO.—Rev. William C. Tapper, executive secretary of the Baptist General Conference of America, has announced that the denomination's 1955-56 missionary budgets total $1,-024,000 for its seven boards' work in the USA, Canada, Alaska, Mexico, India, Japan, Philippines, Ethiopia and now Brazil. Shown above are the steadily-growing, evangelical Conference's department secretaries: William Turnwall (home missions), John A. Wilcox (foreign missions), William C. Tapper (trustees), Carl H. Lundquist (Bethel College and Seminary), Lawrence F. Swanson (Bible School and youth) and Martin Erikson (publications). The million-dollar budget will be presented to delegates of the advancing missionary fellowship in their annual meeting at Denver in June.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES
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YOUTH

Sao Paulo Conference Will Spark Campaigns

WHEATON, Ill.—More than fifty major population centers in south Brazil have been selected as sites for simultaneous, intensive evangelistic campaigns directly following Youth for Christ International's Seventh World Congress on Evangelism to be held in Sao Paulo, Brazil, April 17-24.

Teams of men including pastors and evangelists, musicians, children's workers, Christian business people, and the like will be selected to form these various teams which will be engaged in an evangelistic program. The program will include mass rallies and meetings, park and street meetings, children's meetings, programs geared to women, radio broadcasts, tract distribution, house-to-house visitation, and the like. Each team will work in cooperation with the local national Christian leadership and missionaries in the intensive schedule of evangelism for the fourteen-day period. Rev. James Savage, veteran South American missionary, is serving as Congress director and coordinating the work of the campaigns prior to the actual World Congress sessions.

Rev. Paul Hartford, Youth for Christ director for the Caribbean area, has recently joined Savage and the South American staff in preparatory plans. Hartford is charged with the responsibility for business arrangements in Brazil and also will be heading up the promotional program for the Congress and subsequent campaigns.

Two chartered Pan American Airways aircraft have been chartered by Youth for Christ International for USA and Canadian delegates who will be participating in the Congress. The flights will leave Miami, Florida, on Tuesday, April 12.

PRESS

Evangelical Press Group Hears Dr. A. W. Tozer

CHICAGO — "Christian journalism should not reflect public opinion but should direct it," declared Dr. A. W. Tozer, editor of *The Alliance Weekly* and pastor of Chicago's Southside Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, before some one hundred editors and publishers at the seventh annual convention of the Evangelical press Association, January 25 and 26, at the Midland Hotel.

"Every magazine should in some measure seek to be a leader of religious opinion, instead of sounding public opinion to see what it wants and then giving it to them," Dr. Tozer added. "We should know what the public ought to hear and then try to give it to them in as attractive a form as possible."

Rev. J. Fred Parker, editor of *Conquest,* Nazarene Publishing House, Kansas City, Mo., was re-elected president of the Association; Dr. Louis Benes, *The Church Herald,* Grand Rapids, Mich., vice-president; Miss Verda Bloomhuff, *United Evangelical Action,* Cincinnati, O., secretary; Mel Larson, managing editor, *Youth for Christ Magazine,* Wheaton, Ill., treasurer; Robert D. Higley, The Higley Press, Butler, Ind., and William Peterson, assistant editor, *Christian Life,* Chicago, directors.

Winners in the annual EPA Awards Program included *Power,* published by Scripture Press, Chicago, for the outstanding article of the year; *The Christian Leader,* Mennonite Brethren Conference, Hillsboro, Kan., for greatest improvement in appearance; *Christian Digest,* Grand Rapids, Mich., for best editorial program, and *Youth Today,* Baptist General Conference of America, Chicago, for most effective circulation program. Lloyd Knox, retiring director and Light and Life Press publisherd, Winona Lake, Ind., presented plaques to the winners.

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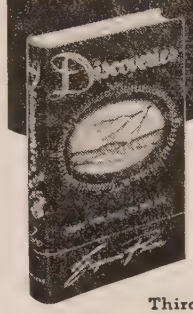

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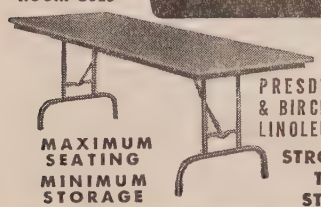

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Featured speakers included James J. Rudisill of Lancaster, Pa., president of Printing Industry of America, Inc.; Dick Hodgson, managing editor of *Advertising Requirements,* Chicago; Harry Verploegh, vice-president, Fredric Ryder Co., typographers and designers, Chicago; Russell T. Hitt, executive editor, *Eternity,* Philadelphia; Mel Larson; Don Mallough, national secretary, Men's Fellowship, Assemblies of God, Springfield, Mo., and Tozer.

At the Annual Banquet a gavel bearing an engraved silver plate was presented to Dr. James DeForest Murch, editor of *United Evangelical Action,* honoring his services as the first president of the Association.

Van Kampen Press Under New Owners

WHEATON, Ill.—Dr. Robert A. Cook, president, and Dr. Ted W. Engstrom, executive director of Youth for Christ, International are among those who have combined to purchase Van Kampen Press from Mr. Robert Van Kampen.

Van Kampen Press, publishers and distributors of evangelical books, has served with distinction in its field, and will be expanded under the new management. It is understood that the sale in no way affects Mr. Van Kampen's holdings in the Hitchcock Press.

American Tract Society Marks Successful Year

NEW YORK.—The American Tract Society has completed its most successful year of tract distribution to date, with a total of 13,000,000 tracts and booklets distributed during 1954.

For over 130 years the Society has ministered to the needs of individuals, churches, missionaries, missions and service organizations. In every sence of the word it is truly a missionary enterprise. The purpose stated in the Society's charter of 1825 is still the guiding principle under which ATS continues to publish an impressive quantity of gospel literature: "To diffuse a knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as the Redeemer of sinners, and to promote the interests of vital godliness and sound morality through religious tracts."

By keeping to the pivot of the Christian creed and avoiding its periphery the American Tract Society has for these many years been truly interdenominational. It belongs to no sect or section, but to the whole evangelical church.

Plan New Methodist Publishing Building

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(RNS)—Construction of a new $1,500,000 office building and national headquarters of the Methodist Publishing House here will start this spring, it was announced by Lovick Pierce, the Church's senior publishing agent.

The Methodist Board of Publication and the Church's Coordinating Council have approved the building, Mr. Pierce said.

Although plans for the structure are not complete, it will be located adjacent to the firm's printing plant at the corner of Eighth Avenue and Demonbreun Street.

The Methodist Publishing House, founded in 1789, is believed to be the nation's oldest book publisher as well as well as the world's biggest printer of religious materials. Last year it reported gross sales of more than $18,000,000.

The firm has appropriated $6,358,000 since 1940 to the Church's pension fund for retired ministers or their widows, including $500,000 for each of the last two years.

Seeks Special Class for Religious Publications

WASHINGTON, D. C. —(RNS)—Legislation to create a fifth class of mail into which religious and other non-profit publications would be placed has been re-introduced in Congress by Rep. Gardner Withrow (R.-Wis.).

Postage on fifth class mail would be maintained at the present one and one-half cents per pound rate which applies to publications of non-profit groups.

Mr. Withrow, a member of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, wants the new classification in order to change the present system under which there are different postage rates for second class publica-

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The differential, which is now sixty per cent, first arose in 1950 when Congress voted to increase the second class postage rate but to exempt religious and other non-profit publications from the raise. An even greater differential may exist if Congress approves a new request by President Eisenhower for higher mail rates.

EVANGELISM

Graham Discusses Revival With Government Leaders

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Only history can tell whether the religious awakening that has occurred in America in the last five years is superficial or will be of lasting significance, Evangelist Billy Graham told a gathering of national leaders here, including Vice President Richard M. Nixon, Chief Justice Earl Warren, and members of the House and Senate.

The occasion was the third annual Congressional prayer breakfast held in connection with the annual meeting of the International Council for Christian Leadership. The Council sponsors prayer breakfasts in 129 American cities and several foreign countries.

Citing rising church membership, Sunday school attendance, and statistics on distribution of Bibles, Dr. Graham said that the last five years has been a period of "renaissance and resurgence" in American religious faith.

"Is this a genuine religious awakening?" he asked.

"Awe of the H-bomb? Escapism? Or just a vogue? Only history can tell."

"Unless we dedicate ourselves to God, we cannot survive the dedication of the atheists who are knocking at our gate," Dr. Graham warned.

"I met and talked with Communists near the Iron Curtain on my recent tour," he added. "I can assure you they know Karl Marx and Lenin by heart. How many of us read the Bible as zealously and study it every day?

"The problem of the world today is not the hydrogen bomb. It is not poison gas. It is not bacteriological weapons. The problem is human nature."

President Eisenhower, who was represented at the breakfast by his assistant, Sherman Adams ,sent a message declaring that daymen must help spearhead a "global spiritual offensive."

"Such a meeting as this," the President said, "is inspiring evidence of the conviction of each of you that religious principles must not be kept in a realm apart from everyday life, that they must more and more be put into practice in business, law, government, diplomacy—in every area of practical pursuit.

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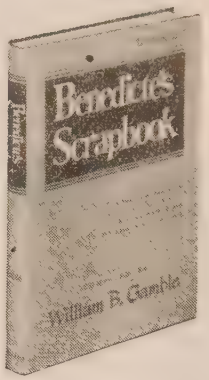

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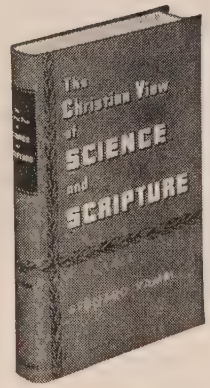

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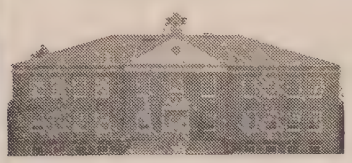

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Southern Baptists Plan Big Evangelism Crusade

ATLANTA, Ga.—A Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade will be held in some 30,000 Southern Baptist churches in the United States and nearby areas this Spring, it was announced here by Dr. Courts Redford, executive secretary of the denomination's Home Mission Board.

The crusade, which will have as its theme "Christ is the Answer," will be under the direction of Dr. C. E. Matthews of Dallas, Tex., secretary of the board's department of evangelism.

It will have three phases: the Southern crusade, March 6-20, covering the tropical area of the USA and parts of Cuba, Panama, and the Canal Zone; the central area crusade, March 27 to April 10; and the Northern zone crusade, April 10-24, including Southern Baptist churches up to Canada and Alaska.

Participating in the crusade will be 3,600 churches in the tropical area 13,000 in the central area, and about 13,000 in the Northern section.

Dr. Redford said the 1955 crusade is the beginning of a "Four Year Conquest for Christ" which will "lay the foundation for a five-year Convention-wide campaign to begin in 1959 which will celebrate the 150th anniversary of organized Baptist work in America."

The simultaneous revival crusade in individual churches has been called by Dr. Matthews "the most effective, most productive method known to Southern Baptists."

The evangelism secretary said "we expect to baptize close to half a million people as a result of the 1955 meetings.

He said the campaign also was aimed at reaching those who have moved into new communities "but who have left their church membership behind."

In his announcement, Dr.. Redford said that the coordinated efforts of all Southern Baptist church organizations would be used to promote and follow-up the crusade. Preparation for the two-week revival campaign in each area, he said, would include a week of prayer, a religious census, a visitation program, and local rallies.

Billy Graham to Speak In Madison Sq. Garden

NEW YORK.—The fifteenth Anniversary of the Word of Life Rally and Broadcast will be held in the Madison Square Garden on March 3, with Dr. Billy Graham as the speaker, George Beverly Shea as soloist and Cliff Barrows as the song leader. Director Jack Wyrtzen is expecting 20,000 to pack the auditorium, and from fifteen to twenty thousand to listen through an amplifier that will be set up on 49th Street. Word of Life has conducted many rallies in Madison Square Garden, the first one being on April 1, 1944, when 20,000 packed the Garden and 10,000 were turned away.

Word of Life Fellowship has extended an invitation to Billy Graham to conduct a city wide evangelistic campaign in New York City similar to the one that Dr. Graham conducted in London, England, last Spring.

Fifteen years ago, Word of Life Fellowship started a youth broadcast over a small Brooklyn station. Today the Word of Life Hour is heard over forty stations. Its aim is to reach the youth of the nation for Christ. Word of Life Fellowship also helps to support fifty-six missionaries working in twenty different countries. During the summer months, Jack Wyrtzen directs Word of Life Island for young people, and Word of Life Inn for adults and families, at Schroon Lake in the Adirondacks. Last summer more than 8,000 attended.

PTL International Offices Are Moved from England

NEW YORK.—The appointment of Alfred A. Kunz as International Director of The Pocket Testament League, International, was confirmed in London on January 11, 1955, at a meeting of the Directors of the International Council of PTL.

The meeting, held in the St. Ermins Hotel, Westminster, also concluded arrangements for the transfer of the International headquarters of The League from London to New York City.

The Pocket Testament League was founded in England in 1893 by Helen Cadbury, a thirteen-year-old school girl. Its purpose was to unite those who agree to make it their regular custom to read the Bible every day, and to carry God's Word with them wherever they go.

The League was launched as a world-wide movement in 1908 by Mr. Charles M. Alexander and Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman during their evangelistic campaigns in the United States.

The program of The League combines evangelistic effort with Scripture distribution as an effective means of winning souls. The League has carried this program to the United States, China, Japan, Formosa, Okinawa, Korea, Malaya and Indo China.

The Pocket Testament League is now launching the greatest Scripture distribution and evangelization campaign of its history—in Africa. Mr. Kunz and Glenn W. Wagner, Foreign Secretary of the League, are now in Central Africa spearheading the African Campaign.

Graham-Type Evangelism Group Formed in Sweden

STOCKHOLM—(RNS)—A Swedish counterpart of Billy Graham's evangelistic "team" has been formed here as a direct result of the American evangelist's visit to Stockholm last summer.

Called AKO (All-Kristen Offensive or All Christian Offensive), it will open its first campaign at Vaasteraas on March 30.

The AKO team includes three preachers—one each from the Swedish Mission Association, Baptist Union and Salvation Army—and a well known singer and choir leader.

Its organization was sponsored by the Swedish Society of Christian Businessmen which also has formed a special committee to deal with the evangelistic group's business and financial problems.

The team will utilize techniques demonstrated by Billy Graham and hold its meetings in factories, hostels and even dance halls during the cold months. In the summer, it will stage its revivals at the larger cities under canvas.

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Orlando, Florida Crusade Enlists Hundred Churches

ORLANDO, Fla.—"The City Beautiful," experienced during the month of January the greatest city-wide revival in its history. The revival, led by Evangelist Jack Shuler, and his able team, was sponsored by representatives of all the major Evangelical denominations, with over 100 churches of Greater Orlando, participating.

The meeting, held in Exposition Park in the center of Orlando, was conducted under a big tent with a seating capacity of 5,000. Many times the tent was filled to an overflow crowd. On January 19, in the third week of the revival, tragedy struck in the form of a freak wind storm which destroyed the tent. Meetings were moved to the Municipal Auditorium for that night and to the Coliseum for the remaining nights. The Coliseum, which seats 5,000, was filled each night. The final service at the Tangerine Stadium, with George Beverly Shea, as guest soloist, and Don DeVos leading a 1,500 voice choir saw eight thousand present. Hundreds were won for Christ.

The Jack Shuler team opens its next revival at Hutchinson, Kans. All Shuler campaigns are large-scale interdenominational meetings which band together pastors and laymen from an aggregate of evangelical churches. Prayer is requested for the team as they plan to go across the seas to Belfast, Ireland, in June. Their campaign at Belfast will be held in King's Hall, seating 20,000 and will be sponsored by most of the Protestant churches of the city.

—PUBLIC AFFAIRS—

Lord's Day Alliance Fights Bingo, Racing

NEW YORK—Attempts to legalize bingo and horse racing in some states were condemned by the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States in a report presentd at its annual meeting here.

Also opposed in the report, prepared by the Alliance's legislative committee, were commercial dealings on Sunday. Singled out for special condemnation was the sale of liquor on Sundays.

Dr. Melvin Forney, general secretary, said the organization distributed 400,000 pieces of literature promoting more reverent observance of Sunday to "interested churches, pastors and church goers" free of charge during 1954.

Nevertheless, he said, "most people, including members of our churches, have not heard of the work of the organization."

Dr. Forney said this situation was due partly to newspapers, radio and TV stations and magazines, the majority of whom "are opposed to us and attempt to hinder our work by ridiculing our efforts to encourage the enforcement of what they term 'the old blue laws.'"

"Virtually all accepted media of public opinion," he said, "are either opposed to us or refuse to give us any publicity at all." Dr. Forney added that protectors of the Sabbath also have had to offset the "unlimited financial resources" of big business, the motion picture industry, professional sports and the liquor industry."

"But we still believe that God is

bigger than man's fortunes and His Holy Spirit more effective than our modern press, radio and television," he said. " . . . Our organization has a tremendous potential in its work of reclaiming the Lord's Day for the Church."

Robert H. Schaffer, acting Postmaster of New York City, told the meeting that the Alliance was responsible for "the fact that not one of our mail carriers is found on the street on Sunday."

Other speakers included Special Sessions Judge Edward Thompson of New York and Judge Edward J. Griffiths of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas.

"Religious Integration" For Indianapolis Schools

INDIANAPOLIS—The Indianapolis Board of School Commissioners has decided that "religious heritage classes" will not be a permanent part of the city's school system (*Action,* February 1). But the board authorized Dr. Herman L. Shibler, general superintendent of education, to integrate religious heritage materials into the established social science courses in all schools. The new policy will become effective next September.

The board's action was taken on a motion of Leo M. Gardner, attorney and school board member, who said the religious heritage classes would result in lawsuits against the board.

Dr. Shibler was instructed to present the board with the new curriculum in social science before it is taught in any schools. The integrated course will include the part that religion played in various historical, social or economic movements.

The religious heritage classes were introduced on an experimental basis last September in eleven elementary schools. The committee representing Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox and Christian Science viewpoints. The classes were given over a two or three week period in the 7th and 8th grades.

Sunday School Teacher In Comic Book Cleanup

BENTONVILLE, Ark.—(RNS)—A Sunday school teacher sparked a crusade by churches and the Parent-Teacher Association here which has cleaned this northwest Arkansas town of "bad" comic books.

Mrs. Lewis Dahlstrom became alarmed when her children began reading lurid comics and the tots in her Sunday school class were buying them regularly. She couldn't sleep at night for thinking about it.

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The PTA appointed her chairman of a comic book evaluation committee with authority to start the crusade. The mayor and the superintendent of the public elementary schools promised their cooperation.

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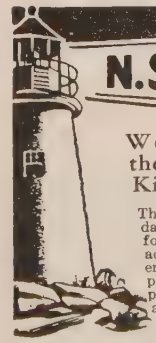

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Mrs. Dahlstrom has been called upon to conduct panel discussions in other northwest Arkansas cities where citizens have awakened to the danger of uncensored comic books and they, too, are circulating petitions for the removal of trashy publications from the newsstands.

Push Measure Against All Obscene Literature

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—Efforts have again been launched in Congress to strengthen the hand of the Postmaster General in dealing with obscene material sent through the mails. (*Action*, February 15)

Senator Frank Carlson (R-Kan.) introduced a bill in the Senate for this purpose. Rep. Edward H. Rees (R.-Kan.) is sponsoring a similar measure in the House. Last year, the Rees bill was passed by the House but failed in the Senate.

Both bills would give the Postmaster General authority to impound mail whenever he has reason to believe the statutes against indecent literature are being violated.

The two measures are designed to overcome the present loophole in postal law which permits an accused dealer or publisher of pornographic material to continue using the mails until the charges against him are adjudicated, a procedure which sometimes takes as long as eighteen months.

Ockenga Challenges McCollum Decision

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The 1948 McCollum decision of the United States Supreme Court outlawing released-time religious education in public schools was challenged here by a leader of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Dr. Harold J. Ockenga, pastor of Park Street church, Boston, and former president of the National Association of Evangelicals, declared in the keynote address to POAU's seventh national Conference on Church and State that America faces the danger of secularism. He said court rulings such as the McCollum decision represent a dangerous trend toward a "secular state."

The nation must never forget that it is founded upon religious beliefs and will be strong only as its faith in God remains strong, Dr. Ockenga said. America is not an atheistic State and citizens would be foolish to try to make it one, he declared, for secularism is a deadly menace to democracy.

He urged the conference delegates to join with Roman Catholics in resisting secularism, but at the same time to be militant in resisting sectarianism.

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Declaring that the State must be preserved from sectarianism, Dr. Ockenga said: "The historic infringement upon the separation of Church and State has been by denominational sects who desire a privileged position in the State so as to advance their interest."

Dr. Ockenga said the major areas of tension at present are in public aid to parochial schools and religious hospitals, and in "economic boycotts seeking to suppress the freedom of the press."

A warning to churches against allowing themselves to be used as instruments of national policy was voiced by Leo Pfeffer, New York, counsel for the American Jewish Congress.

"An alliance between a Church and a State inevitably means loss of liberty to the Church," he declared. "The Church of England pays dearly in religious liberty for the splendor of its establishment. The favored Church in Argentina is now suffering substantial restrictions on its liberty and even in Spain, where the relationship is closest, the Church is protesting the censorship of its expression."

Mr. Pfeffer contended there were dangers in religious broadcasts sponsored by the Voice of America and in placing religious slogans on secular items such as postage stamps.

At a meeting of the POAU national executive board plans were made for a campaign to alert Protestant organizations to violations of Church-State separation.

A full-time attorney will be added to the POAU staff as associate executive secretary in order to make possible more legal actions by the organization. Circulation of its *Church and State Review* is to be increased from 60,000 to 100,000 by the sale of copies in bulk to Protestant denominations.

Dr. Edwin McNeill Poteat, pastor of Pullen Memorial Baptist church, Raleigh, N.C., was re-elected president of POAU.

Missouri Synod Objects To Spanish Agreements

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Pending agreements between the governments of the United States and Spain on the subject of marriages on Spanish soil have drawn objections from Dr. John W. Behnken, president of the two million-member Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

The agreements would provide for Spanish ecclesiastical sanction of all marriage ceremonies performed by chaplains of the American armed forces, and could theoretically apply to cases where both parties are members of the United States services and American citizens. The sanctions would be necessary under the agreement if a Roman Catholic were party to the marriage, even though both parties preferred marriage by a Protestant clergyman or chaplain.

Writing to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, President Behnken said reports of the proposed agreements "have caused sincere concern in our church body." He said his church "will be forced to object vigorously" if the agreements are adopted as planned.

Dr. Behnken added "It would be understandable that, should an American military person contract a marriage with a Spanish civilian, such a marriage would be subject to Spanish civilian authority, with everything that it entails. In view of the special religious control exercised over Spanish civil law in regard to marriage, it is unthinkable that marriages of American military personnel performed by American chaplains should be subject to the same religious control as governs other marriages on Spanish soil."

The church leader assured Mr. Dulles that "My sole purpose is to direct your attention to our traditional policy of separation of church and state, protecting our American principle of freedom of religion, as it applies to American military personnel serving on foreign soil under American military authority."

Toledo High Schools Adopt Silent Prayer

TOLEDO, O.—(RNS)—Although religion is not taught in Toledo's public schools three high schools now begin the day with a moment of silent prayer.

The practice was started at Libby High School prior to World War II, and Scott and Waite High Schools recently adopted it. More than 4,000 students are involved.

The moment of meditation "helps start the day right," said Wilma Kudzia, Scott school mathematics teacher.

Silent prayer at Libby is followed by announcements over the public address system of illness of students or faculty members. At Scott and Waite schools, the prayer follows a "thought for today" announced by a student.

Student councils at Scott and Waite initiated the practice at their schools. A committee of twenty students meets every two weeks at Scott to select the speakers and thoughts.

PERSONALIA

F. P. Thompson, Jr., pastor of Englewood Christian Church, Chicago, Ill., has been appointed chairman of an NAE committee to study the problem of juvenile delinquency in Chicago.

Kenneth Fristoe, Free Methodist chaplain, has been transferred to Camp Zama, Japan, "The Little Pentagon of the Far East," where he is in command of all chaplains for Korea, Japan and Okinawa, some 200 in number.

B. R. Opper, general director of International Missions, Inc., (formerly the India Mission) is doing survey work in Malaya, the Philippines, the Fijis and Hawaii before returning to the United States from India.

Edward B. Cole, pastor of North Park Baptist Church, San Diego, has accepted a call to First Church, Pomona, Calif. Dr. Cole succeeds Dr. Harold Fickett, Jr., who goes to Tremont Temple, Boston.

Francis Carr Stifler, secretary of public relations for the American Bible Society, retired on February 1. He has been succeeded by Rev. William F. Asbury formerly International Field Supervisor for the Christian Children's Fund and Far Eastern correspondent for *Christian Herald.*

Myron F. Boyd, director of the Free Methodist "Light and Life Hour," has been called to the Winona Lake (Ind.) headquarters of his denomination. He

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was pastor of the First Free Methodist Church of Seattle, Wash. for six years. His broadcasts are released weekly over the American Broadcasting Company network.

Theodore Elsner, pastor of Calvary Memorial Church, Philadelphia, and former president of the National Religious Broadcasters, will be the speaker for the National Association of Evangelicals on the NBC radio network March 6, 13, 20 and 27.

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Capitol Report

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Taylor said, "To date we have been gratified by the fact that our State Department has recognized that the great bulk of American people oppose the adoption of the Worldsday Calendar. It is our sincere hope that the United States will continue to register strong opposition to any such measure."

Dr. Taylor went on to say that "the proposed Worldsday Calendar would involve serious alterations to the seven-day week system of time measurement, a system which was originally established by God. We have felt that the alterations which would be involved in the adoption of this new calendar would not justify any supposed benefits, which have been suggested by business concerns and other related interests."

Threatened by Priest

On January 5, 1955, a Catholic priest, along with the police, entered a small Protestant school in Colombia and ordered it closed. The priest made the statement that except for his intervention the school would have been burned.

The small school, which is located in Quinchia, is taught by Miss Ida Danielson of the Gospel Missionary Union. It was during the course of the school day that the priest and the police entered the school and ordered its closing. The evangelicals took the matter to the mayor of the town, who told them to disregard the order of the priest. In accord with this advice the school has remained in operation.

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The Need in Korea

WENDELL L. ROCKEY
Executive Director NAE World Relief

Frequently the NAE World Relief Commission gets letters asking if there is still a need for clothing and food. The original of the following article from a service man in the Far East reached us the other day. His letter to the editor of his favorite Detroit newspaper was as follows:

DETROITER NOW IN KOREA ASKS FOR NEEDY

I am a resident of Detroit but recently in Japan, working in and out of Korea for the U. S. Navy.

In Korea, it seems, the start of a new year does not mean anything different from the one before.

While our people back home are eating good food and dressing warmly, Koreans, especially the children, are starving and cold.

I feel guilty because of this and I think the American People should try to do something about it. I don't mean run a new bill up to Congress, or anything like that.

I mean if we could get together and give these people our old clothing and some of those CARE packages of food, we could do much to lessen this suffering, without too much sacrifice.

I was on the beach in the place we call Green Park and saw things that made my stomach turn.

I saw little children shaking half to death because of lack of clothing.

I have a child of my own and I think of him when I see these people out here in Korea.

Take five minutes off from what you are doing, and pack off some of this clothing you don't need, to make some child, man or woman thankful to have a shirt or coat on to keep out the cold

Believe me, it is cold here in Korea; you've never been cold unless you've been in Korea.

This sailor boy's letter properly answers any questions concerning the need of relief in Korea.

NAE is attempting to supply this need to the best of its ability. Tons of clothing are being shipped from New York and San Francisco. Both the World Relief Commission and the Northwest Korean Relief are doing everything possible to enlarge their program.

The World Relief Commission solicits the prayers and co-operation of all evangelicals.

We congratulate the Northwest Region of the NAE where a splendid job has been done in relief work. The processing and shipping of clothing from the west coast to Korea and other areas in the Far East will enable the New York operation of World Relief Commission to concentrate on European areas and others.

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The Evil Objectives

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success. All such advertisements have as their main purpose winning acceptance of drinking customs and practices. A spokesman for the distillers testified, "We are conscious of the fact that there is a resentment in the minds of a number of people against the use of this product." To overcome this resentment, the manufacturers of alcoholic beverages in their advertising stress the wide use of their products in private life, in the home, and in social gatherings.

To Increase Sales

A spokesman for the distillers testified in the Bryson Bill hearing that a distiller in his advertising does not expect to convert a non-user to his product—he merely hopes to secure a larger share of an already existing market. To which Chairman Charles A. Wolverton declared: "That demands a degree of cruelty that I do not possess." A distillery, a winery, or a brewery is a business concern interested primarily in profits. It cannot increase profits without increasing sales. Thus one of the main objectives of advertising is to increase sales.

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Rev. J. H. Winley, Trinity Soulsaving Station, Buffalo, addressing the men of the Sunshine Mission, Seneca Street, Friday, January 21. Since the beginning of the year more than 1700 meals have been served, 26 men have sought and were given shelter, and 41 have expressed their faith in Christ. Brethren, pray for us.

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Readers Say

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uacies is always (or should be) appreciated. But to resort to such tactics as this for the apparent purpose of undermining confidence in my adherence to the evangelical faith and of casting unwarranted suspicion on me personally is nothing short of despicable.

WARREN C. YOUNG
Chicago, Ill.

"A Healthy Sign"

To the Editor:

I do not make it a practice to write the editors of magazines, but I feel compelled to write you a word of congratulations and encouragement. I am particularly interested in some of the controversial articles which you have been publishing. I do not necessarily agree with them, but I believe your courage in this is indeed a healthy sign. I am convinced that one reason we conservatives are not as virile as we might be is that so many shibboleths have been incorporated in the "fundamentals" that one is not free to even think in an independent or vigorous way along unbeaten paths. I believe we lose greatly when we fear to read or think about any view which we do not wholeheartedly endorse.

I am thinking in terms of the splendid article by Dr. Singer, especially. This is the sort of intellectually stimulating material which has been so conspicuously absent from most Christian publications. I must confess that Dr. Singer's final thesis was a new thought. I have long known that the application of this thesis is wholly valid in the realm of education. However, your author only mentions this area in an incidental way. I would certainly be interested to see a more detailed presentation of this thesis. It could certainly be tremendously profitable.

I am sure that articles such as this bring a storm of angry protests and I thought to write just a word of encouragement. May the Lord continue to bless you in your ministry.

J. ROBERTSON MCQUILKIN
Asheville, N. C.

Longevity of Man

To the Editor:

In a book I read recently, three different theories are presented as interpretations of the Bible accounts concerning the longevity of the Antediluvians. The author does not seem to be fully satisfied with any of the three and is no doubt waiting further light.

From Genesis, chapters five to nine, we learn that Noah lived some six hundred years before the flood, also during it, and some three hundred and fifty years after it. "How long were those years?" is a question that has puzzled many honest seekers of truth, including some God-fearing scientists. Do not two verses in Genesis eight give us a clue?

Gen. 8:5 tells us of "the tenth month," so we see that those years had at least ten months. Gen. 8:14 speaks of "the seven and twentieth day of the month," so we learn that the second month of the "six hundredth and first year" (v. 13), had at least twenty-seven days. The Word of God indicates that it was quite natural for men to live for hundreds of years during that era of human existence, and Genesis 8:5 & 14 gives us, I believe, some reliable information as to the length of those years.

H. A. WANVIG
LaCenter, Wash.

That Evanston Report

To the Editor:

Let me congratulate you upon the fine series of articles you have been preparing on ecumenicity, and which I have followed with much interest in *Action*. They are truly most enlightening, the reflection of intense thought and prayer, and an excellent appraisal of the Evanston Assembly. I know of no one who could have tackled such a tremendous task and made such a lasting contribution to our evangelical thinking.

HARRY J. HAGER
Chicago, Ill.

To the Editor:

Will you allow us to publish a French edition of "Evanston, 1955," if we can make the necessary arrangements. I think it would be very useful to spread this information amongst our French-speaking evangelicals. They are not very numerous, but it is all the more important that they be correctly informed of present ecumenical tendencies.

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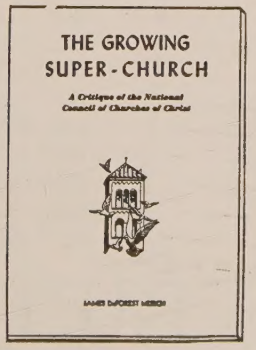

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